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MKs: Kibbutz Artzi played poor while being rich

EVELYN GORDON

THE Kibbutz Artzi movement has been transferring millions of dollars abroad at the same time it is demanding government handouts to protect it from collapse, Likud MKs charged yesterday.

MKs Michael Eitan and Ron Nahman submitted their documentation to Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair late Monday night, and asked him to delay approval of the kibbutz debt arrangement until the government receives a complete accounting of the kibbutzim's assets.

Under the proposed arrangement, the government and the banks together would write off some NIS 3.9 billion worth of all kibbutz debts (not just those of the Kibbutz Artzi), with the government directly contributing some NIS 1.17-1.5b. of this sum. The kibbutzim, for their part, would sell land worth NIS 2b.

The government is slated to approve the deal today. Also today, the Knesset Finance Committee is to vote on a NIS 146.5 million bailout of Techen, the Kibbutz Artzi-owned industry at the focus of the storm.

One of the examples cited by Eitan was a deal whereby Techen paid Penninghold, a company based in the Antilles Islands, a 4 percent fee on all deals arranged between the kibbutzim and Penninghold's parent company in Holland, Phoenix.

Judge Eliahu Vinograd of the Tel Aviv District Court found that Techen and Phoenix are the same company.

Eitan also cited a 1989 deal whereby Penninghold paid a company called Zeno some $2.27 million to buy know-how. Zeno, like Penninghold, is owned by the Kibbutz Artzi.

"Zeno's shares are held 100 percent by a trustee company in the Jersey Isles, and the beneficiaries of its deals are the secretaries of the Kibbutz Artzi," wrote Micha Rinat, an official of the movement, in a document submitted by Eitan.

In addition to Phoenix, Zeno and Penninghold, the Kibbutz Artzi has at least two other foreign subsidiaries: Tali in London and Istim in New York. The two recently tried to collect an NIS 80 million "debt" from Techen, but Vinograd stopped them.

"How is it," Eitan and Nahman asked in their letter to Ben-Yair, "that when the [debt] arrangement was made with the Kibbutz Artzi in 1989-90, and during all the years since then, the Kibbutz Artzi never reported the existence of these overseas companies to the Kibbutz Debt Arrangement Administration?"

The Techen network is also suspected of various criminal acts, to the tune of hundreds of millions of shekels – which, according to Nahman, are now under investigation.

"From the information we have received from the Kibbutz Debt Arrangement Administration, it seems that Phoenix's activities could have entailed tax crimes, violations of the foreign currency laws and false representations to the Holland stock exchange," wrote Finance Minister Avraham Shohat to Nahman.

"The kibbutzim have assets which are worth more than their debts," Eitan concluded.

Meanwhile, two Likud MKs charged yesterday that Histadrut funds were illegally used not just in the Labor primaries, but also in the 1992 Knesset elections.

Similar charges had been raised back in 1992, but MKs Michael Eitan and Limor Livnat decided the current police investigation made it more likely that they would be taken seriously. They therefore wrote to Ben-Yair and State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat on Monday, asking them to investigate the matter.

The appendices to the letters documented numerous incidents in which Labor Party figures – including Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer and Justice Minister David Liba'i – spoke in Histadrut buildings, sometimes under Histadrut auspices.

The MKs also attached the schedule of a Histadrut conference held a few weeks before the elections, which included a lecture on the Labor Party, along with lectures on subjects such as social psychology and labor law.

Eitan said these activities violated the party funding law, which forbids all contributions from organizations, whether in cash or in any other form – in this case, the use of facilities at no charge. Livnat said the benefits totaled hundreds of thousands, and possibly millions, of shekels.

Eitan accused Transportation Minister Yisrael Kessar, who was then secretary-general of the Histadrut, of committing perjury when he told Halima the Histadrut was not involved in any electioneering activities.



Former Histadrut treasurer Artur Yisraelovich chats with a policeman at Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday. (Israel Sun)

Yisraelovich held on grounds of 'substantial evidence' against him

RAINE MARCUS

FORMER Histadrut treasurer Artur Yisraelovich, described by police as the "inventor, initiator and organizer of the method used to embezzle Histadrut funds" was remanded yesterday for four days by the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court.

Yisraelovich is suspected of fraud, breach of trust, and falsifying invoices while he was Histadrut treasurer from 1974-1994.

National fraud squad representative Supt. Moshe Fishman presented Judge Dan Arbel with three false invoices allegedly signed by Yisraelovich while he was treasurer. He requested a 10-day remand but later settled for a four-day remand in an agreement reached with Yisraelovich's lawyer.

Arbel ruled that on Friday, Yisraelovich will be released on NIS 60,000 bail and must turn in his passport.

The Histadrut invoices were for services ordered from the Histadrut's Education and Culture Enterprises (*Mifalei Tarbut V'Hinuch*) and charged to different Histadrut departments, Fishman said. These departments, however, did not pay for real services, Fishman added, but for election campaign activities, including the primary campaigns, which should have been funded by the election budget.

Yisraelovich is suspected of devising this method, added Fishman, and directing others who are also under investigation to use it. Additional evidence is being gathered daily, he said, but the investigation is continuing.

In remanding Yisraelovich, Arbel said that the evidence against him is substantial.

He also ruled that for 15 days after his release, Yisraelovich will not be allowed to visit Histadrut headquarters or be in contact with its officials. However, he gave him permission to return to work at the Ports and Railways Authority.

Bill Human adds:

Police continued to press ahead yesterday with the Histadrut fraud investigation, summoning two former labor federation officials who until now have not been questioned.

Police have already interrogated over 20 former Histadrut officials and Labor Party members about the misuse of Histadrut funds in recent years.

Meir Gatt, the previous Histadrut administrative director, and Shimshon Roth, a former trade union section official, were questioned by the national fraud squad in Jaffa.

Gatt is suspected of involvement in funneling Histadrut funds to last year's reelection campaign of former Histadrut chairman Haim Haberfeld.

Histadrut officials said the questioning of Gatt came as no surprise, as his central role in the alleged wrongdoings was well known.

Police said Roth, also a close associate of Haberfeld, is not a suspect in the case, while Gatt is suspected of criminal wrongdoing.

'Rabin, Kohl discussed security cooperation'

DAVID MAKOVSKY

MUCH of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's 3½-hour meeting with German Chancellor Helmut Kohl in Bonn last week dealt with "several ideas and plans to expand security cooperation between the two countries" in the future, a senior Israeli official said yesterday.

According to reports, Rafael, the Israel Weapons Development Authority, is a finalist in the bidding to obtain a contract from the German Defense Ministry, to provide Bonn with laser-guided bombs. This may have been one of the issues raised by Rabin during the meeting.

Until now, it was assumed that the meeting was dedicated to a personal reconciliation in the aftermath of German press disclosures relating to the whereabouts of missing navigator Ron Arad.

German officials have also privately called for establishing more contact between German bureaucrats and Israeli officials, so Bonn can get a better understanding of which technologies Israel believes should not be sold to Iran.

Rabin's spokesman, Oded Ben-Ami, refused any comment on the issues.

One reason Rabin requested the meeting was to calm an angry Kohl, who threatened to cancel his visit here scheduled for later this spring. The German chancellor was angry about remarks made here to the effect that Germany sought to intervene on behalf of Arad as a pretext for improving economic relations between Bonn and Teheran.

When a February 28 phone call between Rabin and Kohl was not successful in resolving differences, Kohl agreed to receive a special senior-level emissary in Bonn to smooth over hurt feelings. The emissary, whose name cannot be revealed, traveled to Germany but failed to resolve the issue.

While some believe it would have been sufficient for Rabin to make a public statement thanking Kohl for his personal efforts on Arad's behalf, the prime minister decided to meet with Kohl personally.

According to the Israeli official, Germany so far has no hard evidence that Iran knows Arad's whereabouts. Bonn believes that if Iran knew where Arad was, Teheran would hold out on releasing him in order to extract a quid pro quo from Germany. So far, this has not occurred.

Kohl and Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani have had at least two phone conversations in the last few months during which the issue of Arad was raised, according to the official. During the first conversation, Rafsanjani denied that Iran was holding Arad.

During the second conversation, Kohl asked the Iranian leader if he could check whether any of Iran's friends – alluding to Hizbullah or Iranian Revolutionary Guards in the Bekaa Valley – might be holding Arad. Rafsanjani said he would check, but later sent word that Arad's whereabouts were unknown, the Israeli official said.

Apart from top-level contact, the German authorities have made clear that Israel has been kept abreast of intelligence and sub-ministerial contacts with Iran, which Bonn terms to be part of its "critical dialogue" with Teheran.

Officials say Kohl was especially upset by the spat over Arad because Israel is enlisting Germany's assistance for three Dolphin-class submarines, dams for Jordan, intervention with the European Union on a free trade accord, and the establishment of a $300 million civilian science research and development project to draw German investors to Israel.

Kohl's anger was exacerbated by the fact that President Ezer Weizman mishandled an invitation to Germany. While the idea of bringing Weizman to Germany was actually an Israeli diplomatic initiative, Weizman said publicly that he was not interested in coming after he had been formally invited.

For several months, he refused to set a date for his visit. The visit is now set for September.

Cabinet to debate Treasury's kibbutz bail-out plan

JOSE ROSENFELD

THE cabinet today will deliberate the Treasury's NIS 5.9 billion follow-up kibbutz debt arrangement, which has an agreement in principle from the kibbutzim. Treasury officials warned, however, that the route to implementation will be fraught with difficulties.

The kibbutzim will contribute about NIS 2 billion worth of land, while the banks and the government will write off NIS 3.9 billion in debt.

The actual value of the land the kibbutzim will contribute is as yet unclear, and will be determined by a professional land survey. Only then will the cabinet approve funds for implementing the arrangement as well as set the criteria that will determine the government's obligations.

Treasury officials foresee problems in getting the kibbutz movements' agreement to the detailed arrangement. Similarly, they are concerned that the movements will have difficulty in getting a legally binding commitment from each kibbutz to mutual assistance.

The Treasury already admits it has a disagreement with the kibbutzim over the interpretation of Israel Lands Administration Directive 441, which allows kibbutzim to turn agricultural land into commercial property for their business activity. According to officials, this disagreement could torpedo the whole arrangement.

The Treasury insists that 441 is limited to small tracts of land on which the kibbutz's commercial enterprises are located. "No more than 10 dunams in the country's center," said an official.

The kibbutzim, however, interpret 441 to apply to the whole area, without any limits. The Treasury claims that this would undermine the arrangement, since it would flood the real estate market and devaluate the land that will finance the arrangement. "If the kibbutzim insist on this, let them finance their debt by themselves," said the official.

Also, getting the banks to agree to the arrangement as a group, as well as reaching a consensus on how to split the burden among themselves will not be easy.

The Treasury will stretch the debt arrangement to 10 years in order to give the government enough time to sell the land and use the proceeds to write off the kibbutz debt without incurring budget expenditures.

PA presents first operating budget

HILLEL KUTTLER
WASHINGTON

THE Palestinian Authority has for the first time presented to the international community an operating budget, which is seen as the basis for resolving the impasse over the slow transfer of donor funds.

The PA's 1995 budget for $400 million projects a $136 million deficit.

All sides agreed that the gap results primarily from the donors' pledges having not yet been submitted, Israeli officials said.

In meetings here the last two days involving PA and Israeli officials with the US and other donor countries, however, the Palestinians were criticized for not having yet established budgetary institutions, Foreign Ministry Director-General Uri Savir told Israeli reporters.

The meetings were held in advance of a major meeting of the parties in Paris on April 27.

The developments indicate that "at least now, we have found the most creative way to solve the problem of every month having a [PA] money crisis," Savir said.

Liberals echo Levy's call for assured election slots

SARAH HONIG

MK David Levy's demands to reserve slots for his faction on the next Likud slate of Knesset candidates has elicited similar demands from the former Liberals in the Likud, the *Post* learned last night.

A source close to Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu argued that "this, if anything, makes it all the more imperative for Netanyahu to stay firm and not yield to Levy's ultimatum, or he will face more of the same from the Liberals, and by that point there will be no putting the lid back on Pandora's box."

Netanyahu, who has not responded to Levy's demands to assure his faction "fair representation," vowed yesterday "not to allow the Likud back to the dark days of bitter factional infighting."

He called on Levy to end his boycott of Likud forums and join the deliberations in the party secretariat, which is hammering out a primary system for the next Likud Knesset list.

The secretariat is due to resume its discussion of the new primary system tomorrow, and the members will wait to see if Levy joins them. Levy's ultimatum to the Likud is also likely to be the focus at the Likud executive bureau session tomorrow evening.

Christopher: US has evidence Iraq making biological weapons

HILLEL KUTTLER
WASHINGTON

SECRETARY of State Warren Christopher said yesterday the US now has "strong evidence that Iraq is conducting a large program to develop biological weapons for offensive purposes."

Despite being confronted with that evidence, Iraqi officials "continue to dissemble and to lie," Christopher told an Anti-Defamation League forum here. He did not reveal what evidence the US has.

Christopher also warned Russia of the consequences of its decision to proceed on building nuclear reactors for Iran.

"Above all, no country working with Iran should work with them on nuclear matters. On this score, we've made our opposition to the Russians' cooperation with Iran abundantly clear. I'm convinced that Russia will rue the day that it provides Iran with nuclear expertise and technology," he added.

Christopher also announced officially that US peace process coordinator Dennis Ross will leave for Israel and Syria today "to help lay a strong basis for both sides to engage on what I now think is the crucial issue occupying the parties, and that is security arrangements."

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Northern settlements plan to hold one-day warning strike

DAVID RUDGE

HEADS of confrontation-line towns and villages are to stage a one-day strike of all northern settlements next Monday, to protest against what they described as the disrespect of successive governments to their plight.

The decision was made yesterday at a meeting of the forum of leaders of front-line settlements in Nahariya, in the wake of last Friday's Katyusha rocket attacks on the Galilee, in which a teenager was killed and 12 people wounded.

President Ezer Weizman, who attended the meeting, distanced himself from the remarks of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin that residents in the north were more deserving of aid than those on the Golan Heights.

"It is not my duty to support or not support remarks made by the prime minister," Weizman told reporters.

"I think that funds should be given here [in the north] and that the Golan should also be treated – in fact that all residents living beyond the Green Line – should be treated as Israelis," said Weizman.

"As long as there is no political decision, they have to be taken care of, protected and guarded," he said.

Weizman, however, rejected complaints from some of the participants that they were treated to visits by ministers and senior government officials during and after attacks and then forgotten.

He maintained that there was a delay between the making and implementing of pledges, but there was no neglect and certainly no disregard.

Weizman praised the steadfastness of residents in the face of the security problems and what he described as the good relations with the IDF's Northern Command.

Most of the participants at the meeting, which was called by the chairman of the forum, Metulla Local Council head Yossi Goldberg, said there should be no differentiation between northern settlements and the Golan, and that both were part and parcel of the front line.

The heads of the confrontation-line settlements are pressing for additional budgets for education, welfare, security and development projects.

They maintained that they had been promised preferential treatment under the present government's new order of priorities, but the pledges had not been fulfilled.

Nahariya Mayor Jackie Sabag, who called for the one-day strike to press their complaints, said they were fed up with verbal promises and wanted deeds.

Interior Minister Uzi Baram, who met with the local council heads at Kibbutz Kfar Blum last night, called on them not to go ahead with the threatened one-day strike.

He promised to arrange a meeting between them and Rabin next week to try and resolve outstanding problems.

Meanwhile, the situation north of the border was relatively calm yesterday.



Tourism Minister Uzi Baram (left) and Jordan Tourism Minister Abdullah Khatib shake hands yesterday after signing the first agreement regulating ties under the peace treaty. (Yisrael Hadari)

Jordan, Israel sign tourism agreement

AMMAN (Reuter) – Jordan and Israel signed an agreement on tourism yesterday, the first accord to regulate bilateral ties under the October 26 peace treaty.

Jordan Tourism Minister Abdulellah Khatib and counterpart Uzi Baram signed the accord at a ceremony in a state guest house in the Jordan Valley.

Their undersecretaries had initialed the pact on February 9. The accord calls for broad coordination, including marketing joint tour packages abroad, exchanging information, and cooperation between the two national airlines, officials said.

It also calls for setting up a joint tourism committee of the private and public sectors to meet once a year.

The agreement is the first in a series of accords covering everything from trade to security and energy that are to be signed by August.

More than 20,000 Israelis have visited Jordan since the border was opened in November, touring the ancient Nabatean city of Petra and Mount Nebo, traditional burial site of Moses.

But only several hundred Jordanians have visited Israel, mainly because of lingering animosity as well as Israeli security precautions before issuing visas.

Many Jordanians are of Palestinian origin and have relatives living in Israel, Judea and Samaria, and the Gaza Strip.

The two countries are expected to revise an interim agreement on border crossings on May 1.

Under temporary arrangements, Amman agreed to daily entry limits of 600 Israelis at the northern Sheikh Hussein bridge, and 300 at the Wadi Araba crossing. Israeli tour operators threatened to boycott Jordan if it did not allow in more tourists.

Tel Aviv Holocaust artifacts auction canceled

HERB KEINON

A SALE of Holocaust artifacts by a Tel Aviv auction house was canceled yesterday, following a public furor that began over the planned auction of a bar of soap that was claimed – erroneously – to have been made from bodies of Holocaust victims.

Moshe Mardik, the owner of the Zodiak Stamp auction house, told Israel Radio that he decided to cancel the auction because "we take into account the sensitivities of the public. Our auction house is respectable, and I will not let this hurt our reputation."

Mardik said that auctions of Holocaust artifacts have been going on for years in the United States, Europe and in Israel.

Mardik said that the soap was returned to its owner, Moshe Yahalom, and that other items up for sale – such as yellow Stars of David and dog-tags from concentration camps – will also be returned to their owners.

Holocaust scholars have maintained for years that the Nazis never made soap from their victims, but that the threat of making such soap was a form of psychological warfare used on Jews in the concentration camps. Since the war, many people have continued to believe that such soap exists.

Tel Aviv police, which began an investigation of the auction, called it off after the auction was canceled.

Yahalom, who offered the soap and other Holocaust-related items for sale, said he received permission from Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau to sell the soap. Yahalom, who said he is destitute after serving a jail sentence on "trumped-up rape charges," said he received the items from his father, a Buchenwald survivor.

Lau, himself a Holocaust survivor, said he never told Yahalom he could sell the soap, but rather that it should be checked and either buried or given to Yad Vashem for proper documentation.

Lau said he told Yahalom he would help him find someone who would buy the other Holocaust items on condition that they then be donated to Yad Vashem as a way "to deny those who deny the Holocaust."

The Yad Vashem directorate, meanwhile, "expressed shock on discovering that Holocaust artifacts are to be sold by way of public auction."

Yad Vashem called on survivors and their families to hand over any artifacts in their possession to the Yad Vashem archives.

Lawyer fired after criticizing Arafat

JON IMMANUEL

RAJI Sourani, the leading human rights lawyer in Gaza, has been fired from his job at the Gaza Center for Rights and Law, after criticizing Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's violations of law and civil rights.

Other Palestinian human rights groups condemned the dismissal. Hanan Ashrawi, director of the Commission for Citizens' Rights said, "it sends a message to all human rights organizations. There is an attempt at silencing and intimidation."

The center's four-man board of directors which dismissed Sourani said the decision was taken for "professional reasons," that had been spelled out in a letter to him.

Sourani said, however, that the letter did not clarify the reasons. "I think they didn't like what our center was doing," he said.

Sourani was arrested for a day in February after publishing a statement criticizing Arafat for setting up security courts, which Sourani said violated Arafat's commitments to uphold law and human rights. He also claimed that political activists were arrested solely because of their party affiliation.

Ashrawi said that she had no proof Sourani's dismissal was ordered by Arafat, but added there had been "a smear campaign" against human rights activists that claimed they were "financed from abroad and were foreign agents."

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The weekly meeting of the English-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place at 1:00 p.m. today, at the YMCA, King David St. Dr. Shlomo Chiche will speak on *Traditional Chinese Cuisine.*

PA police: 'Engineer' wasn't killed

JON IMMANUEL

YEHIA Ayyash, known as "the Engineer" because of the bombs he constructed for several suicide attacks against Israelis, was probably not among the Hamas bomb-makers killed Sunday in the explosion in Gaza.

Gaza police chief Brig. Ghazi Jabali told reporters yesterday he never said Ayyash may have been the unidentified body found near the explosion, but only that all possibilities were being checked.

"Yehia Ayyash, the engineer, was not in the apartment," Jabali said.

Al-Watan, the Hamas weekly, distributed two days early yesterday, said that all six bodies had been identified.

Speculation that Ayyash may have been killed arose because of Israeli claims he that he fled to Gaza when the Israeli security services pursued him, and that a Hamas bomb-factory was a likely place for him to be.

There were broad differences among the police forces about how many people were killed. Numbers ranged from five to nine because so many bodies were blown apart.

According to a neighbor, only the body of a small child remained intact.

The presence of the factory has embarrassed the Palestinian Authority, which claimed there had been no evidence that bombs used in suicide missions originated in Gaza. It has also embarrassed Hamas, which sought to deny that there was any bomb factory in a residential neighborhood.

Israel Radio quoted police sources as saying three people left the building a few minutes before the explosion, and speculated the elusive Ayyash may have been among them.

Itim adds:

Meanwhile, the Palestinian Police yesterday turned over the truck that rammed into an IDF jeep in Gaza last week, killing one Border Police officer and one policeman.

Israeli security services believe it was an attack, while the Palestinians claim it was an accident.

The truck will now be examined by Shimshon District police.

Non-Jewish youth buried at Kfar Masaryk

GYORGY Yafritzky, the 14-year-old Tirat Carmel boy who died on Shabbat and was refused burial in Haifa by both Jewish and Christian cemetery officials, was buried yesterday afternoon in Kibbutz Kfar Masaryk in the Haifa Bay area.

The boy died several days after an operation to remove a cancerous growth from his head. His parents donated his lungs, kidneys and corneas for transplant.

However, Jewish cemeteries in the area refused to bury him because his mother isn't Jewish, rendering him a non-Jew. But Christian cemeteries also refused to bury him, claiming they are short of space.

The parents turned to private agencies for help in finding a burial plot, and the burial was arranged at Kfar Masaryk. A reform rabbi arrived at the kibbutz cemetery to perform the funeral service, but the parents asked him to leave and insisted that a priest conduct the ceremony.

The funeral was conducted by Father Daniel Rufeisen, who has helped several non-Jewish immigrants in the North make burial arrangements.

Eliahu Scharf, the secretary of Kfar Masaryk, said, "We did it for free, because it's a mitzva. We are not bothered by the religious issue. We are talking about citizens with a problem that must be resolved."

Meanwhile, the National Insurance Institute has decided it will finance the transportation for burial of bodies of non-Jewish immigrants whose families can only find plots far from their homes. The cost of this transportation, which can run into the hundreds of shekels, has until now been paid by the families.

The NII made the decision in response to a query on the matter by the Association of Civil Rights in Israel.

(Itim)

B'tzedek wants 7 Palestinian institutions closed

HERB KEINON

B'TZEDEK petitioned the High Court of Justice yesterday, demanding that the government be forced to close seven Palestinian Authority institutions that it claims are operating illegally in Jerusalem.

Baruch Lieberman, the lawyer representing B'tzedek – a legal organization established as a right-wing counterbalance to B'tselem – said the organization has indisputable evidence that the institutions were set up after the Oslo Accord and are acting upon orders from the Palestinian Authority.

"We brought official evidence that links these institutions with the Palestinian Authority," Lieberman said. "All the ties were up to now ambiguous, unclear and even hidden. We brought documents that link them unequivocally to the Palestinian Authority."

The institutions mentioned in the petition include the office of the Palestinian mufti, the Wakf and the PA Ministry of Religion, the Palestinian Broadcasting Authority, the Palestinian Health Council, the Palestinian Statistical Center, the Palestinian Energy Center, and the Palestinian Housing Council.

Lieberman said some of the documents were culled from the Arabic press, some from Peace Watch – which last month released a study on Palestinian institutions operating in Jerusalem – and some from a senior security source.

He said the operation of these institutions in Jerusalem contravenes the Oslo accords and violates the Gaza and Jericho law, which calls on the government to work against Palestinian Authority offices operating outside Gaza and Jericho.

CLARIFICATION

On March 17 *The Jerusalem Post* printed an article about the Ben-David family in Belgium based on a statement issued by the Tel Aviv police, which turned out to be incorrect and misleading. Contrary to the police statement, Shlomo and David Ben-David were released without bail by Belgian police. According to their lawyer in Israel, no connection was found between Shlomo and David Ben-David and a container of 650 kilograms of cocaine. There is also no proof that the Ben-David family is involved in criminal offenses. *The Jerusalem Post* regrets the anguish it may have inadvertently caused the family.

Election teams meet in Jericho

JON IMMANUEL

PALESTINIAN and Israeli election teams met in Jericho yesterday for five hours to deal with voters' lists and voting districts, with both sides coming away feeling that progress was made.

Foreign Ministry legal adviser Yoel Singer, heading the Israeli team, said he "transferred aerial photographs of the Judea/Samaria area so they can prepare maps of polling areas," and a population registry to help the Palestinians form voter registration lists.

Palestinian Authority Minister of Local Government Affairs Saeb Erekat, heading the Palestinian team, said that 1,159,000 names of people aged 17 or over appeared in the registry of Palestinians.

"Now we have found out that there are 45 percent to 50 percent errors so we need a canvass," he said.

He called it a canvass rather than a census, as it would involve checking identity cards, rather than carefully measuring population figures.

Erekat did not dispute the numbers, but noted that many names were incorrect, including hs own. "My name in Hebrew reads as Diab," he said.

Both sides saw July 1 as a realistic target date for completion of the talks.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Man stabbed to death by boarder

Police yesterday arrested Alexander Lavdov, 26, of Dimona on suspicion of stabbing his landlord, David Balayish, to death and wounding his son. Lavdov came home early yesterday but Balayish, 60, and his son, Aaron, 26, at first refused to let him in because he owed them money. After Aaron Balayish was awoken by his father's cries, Lavdov stabbed the son with a knife, wounding him lightly in the shoulder, but Aaron Balayish managed to subdue him. His father had been stabbed to death in the chest. *Amir Rozenblit*

Reuma Weizman receives peace award

Reuma Weizman and Queen Noor of Jordan each received an award from the Seeds for Peace organization yesterday at a ceremony in New York. The goal of the organization is to help bridge gaps between Arabs and Jews by bringing youth from Israel and Arab countries to summer camps in the US.

Kulka Holocaust scholarship awarded

The annual scholarship given by the Erich Kulka Holocaust Research Fund at the Hebrew University was awarded yesterday to Sylvia Noll, in the presence of Dr. Kulka, 83. In her MA dissertation, Noll surveyed German regional publications from 1945 to 1990 on Jewish fate under the Nazis. *Ernie Meyer*

Housing official suspected in sex scandal

The head of the Housing Ministry's Haifa district housing department is suspected of demanding sexual favors in return for housing aid for single-parent mothers and divorcing women. Ohad Aharon, 47, of Kiryat Haim, was remanded by Acre Magistrate's Court yesterday for four days. *Itim*

Winning cards and numbers

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the queen of spades, queen of hearts, king of diamonds, and jack of clubs.

In last night's weekly Lotto drawing, the winning numbers were: 21, 23, 30, 32, 39, and 45. The supplementary number was 31.

GOLDEN AGE SUPPLEMENT

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In very deep sorrow, we announce the untimely death of our dear

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The funeral took place yesterday, Tuesday, April 4, 1995 (4 Nissan 5755) at Nahlat Yitzhak Cemetery.

Mourners:
Mother, **Rachel Tiberg-Gottlieb**
Wife, **Batya Gruenwald-Gottlieb**
Daughters, **Efrat, Keren and Netta Gottlieb**
Brothers and sisters, **Philip Gottlieb-Werhaft and family**
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'All youths on trial should have lawyers'

RAINE MARCUS

ALL juvenile defendants should be entitled to legal representation in court regardless of crimes committed and financial means, Defense for Children International concluded Monday, following a conference here attended by 38 lawyers and judges from around the world.

At present, judges here are not obliged to appoint lawyers for juvenile defendants unless the crime carries a 10-year prison sentence.

According to DCI legal adviser Yair Ronen, a juvenile cannot get a fair trial unless he has legal representation.

"A minor may confess to crimes because of pressure by police and a lawyer may save him from being convicted of offenses he did not commit," said Ronen.

According to Ronen, juvenile lawyers specialize in youth advocacy, developmental psychology, and understand international law.

DCI also aims to involve the family in the decision-making process and promote the "voice of the child" to assist in his rehabilitation after sentencing.

Conditions in lock-ups and prisons should be upgraded in accordance with international minimal standards, said Ronen, and should be open to nongovernmental monitors and supervision.

Burundi Army: Only 20 known dead in attack

PETER SMERDON
BUJUMBURA

BURUNDI'S army said yesterday it knew of only 20 deaths from a reported massacre of 400 Hutu tribespeople but said it was hunting for the attackers.

"There were around 20 dead but I don't yet have the definitive toll," Lieutenant-Colonel Jean-Bosco Daradangwe said after diplomats and aid workers said some 400 people, mostly women and children, had been massacred in the northeast.

"Whoever put forward a toll of 400 did not verify his information," Daradangwe said.

The United Nations said in Geneva it had unconfirmed reports of mass killings in two other villages in the east of Burundi.

The UN refugee agency called on Burundi's government to provide better protection for Rwandan refugees living in camps, and appealed to Tanzania to reopen its border, slammed shut on Friday after an exodus of 50,000 Rwandans from northern Burundi.

Tanzania said yesterday it was sticking to its decision.

Burundi has long teetered on the brink of killings on the scale of Rwanda, where up to a million Tutsis and Hutu moderates were massacred last year by Hutu troops and militiamen.

Daradangwe said troops were hunting for gunmen in Gasorwe where aid workers and diplomats said the 400 Hutus were killed after being taken hostage last week.

He said Burundi's army, dominated by the Tutsi minority, had been hunting Hutu gunmen of the Palipehutu movement. He said there were fatalities among guerrillas and civilians taken hostage by gunmen in clashes with troops and that the gunmen wanted to move south from Muyinga province to Karuzi.

"We can fully expect Hutu gunmen to retaliate as soon as possible for this massacre," a Western diplomat said. "They are not a highly-organised guerrilla force but can hit back."

The massacres around Gasorwe apparently prompted the exodus of 50,000 Rwandan refugees who headed for Tanzania until the border was closed. The Rwandans were among hundreds of thousands of Hutus who fled ethnic violence at home last year.

A Western diplomat told Reuters the Gasorwe killings were clearly a massacre. He said he saw a year-old Hutu girl who had been bayoneted in her genitals so she would never bear children.

"There is no question this is genocide," he said.

Four wounded survivors – all children – were in the intensive care unit at the government-run hospital in Muyinga on Monday. Some had been shot, others slashed and some stoned.

An 11-year-old boy was shot in the right cheek, with the bullet exiting near his left eye. Doctors said it was a miracle he had survived but said he would lose sight in the eye.

A 14-year-old Hutu boy lay in a coma and relatives said his head had been bashed in by a Tutsi with a rock.

A woman, breastfeeding her baby on a hospital bed, had a vicious machete wound across the back of her skull and neck.

Gasorwe township, 22 km west of Tanzania, resembled a ghost town with streets deserted and shops closed.

Asked about the killings, US Ambassador Robert Krueger, who visited Muyinga Hospital and saw the survivors on Saturday, said the vast majority of victims were women and children.

"It is a horrendous massacre," he added. "These aren't just people caught up in the crossfire."

He said he knew of no official investigation into the killings and said parents of the children had told him the attackers were Burundian soldiers.

He later told reporters he believed more than 400 were killed. A foreign aid worker also said he estimated more than 400 were slaughtered by Burundian troops and Tutsi gunmen.

Ministry issues annual pre-Pessah warning on dangers to children

JUDY SIEGEL

THE two weeks preceding Pessah, when children are out of school and parents are busy cleaning the house, pose the year's highest risks for accidental poisonings.

The Health Ministry and various doctors are warning the public to be especially careful and keep cleaning products out of the reach of youngsters.

Dr. Uri Teitelman, head of the National Poison Control Center in Haifa's Rambam Hospital, said all cleaning materials should be stored in a locked closet and far from children. Never mix cleaning products, as they can produce noxious gases that damage the lungs irreversibly. It is forbidden to mix products with active chlorine (such as bleach) with acidic materials of any kind, or chlorine with ammonia.

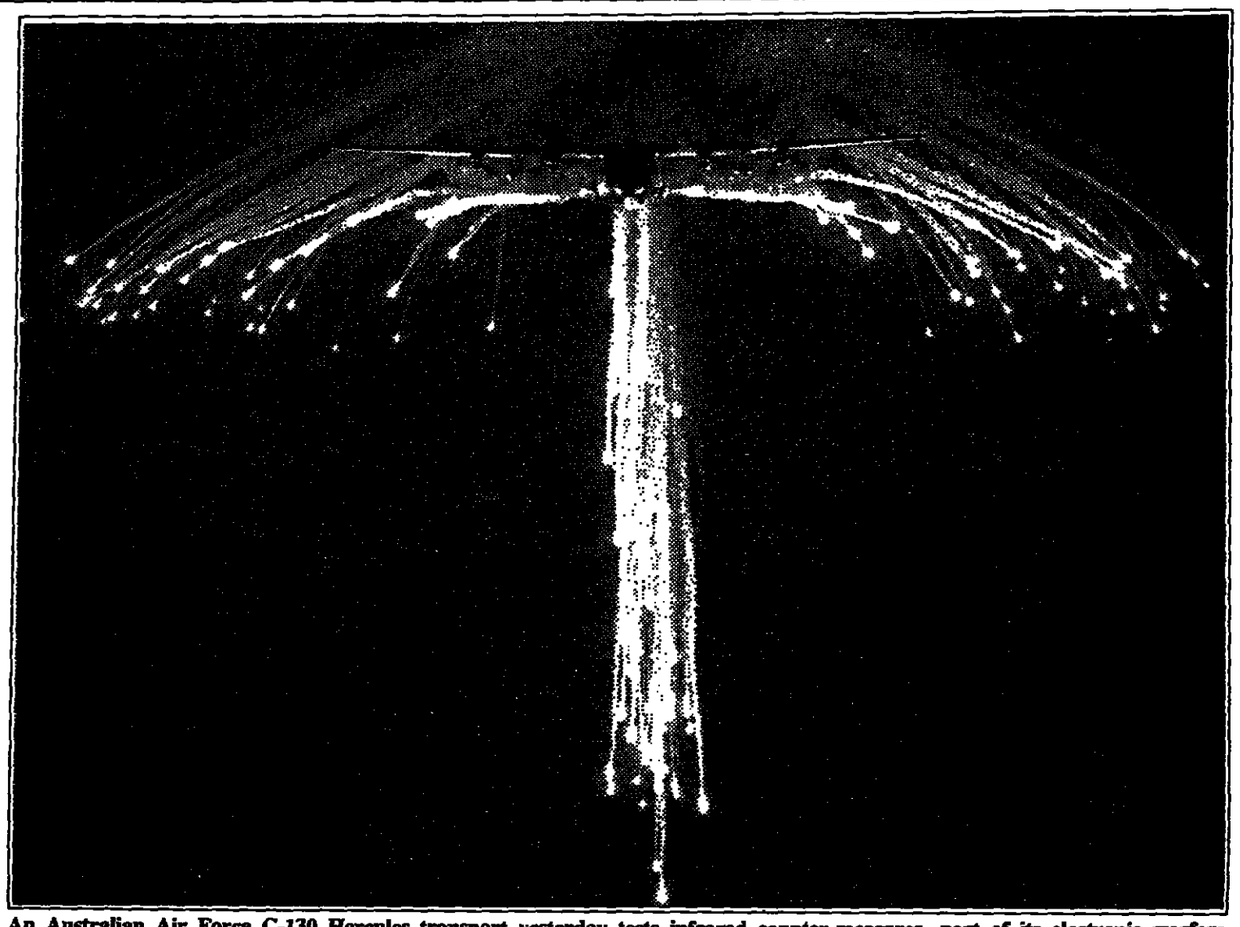
Keep cleaning materials in their original containers, and never store them in used food containers, because unknowingly someone may eat or drink them.

Keep children away from hot water used for making leaven dishes kosher for Pessah. Never leave a bucket with even a few centimeters of water within the reach of small children; babies have been known to drown in such circumstances. Teitelman recommended airing out rooms after cleaning them with chemicals if the weather permits.

Dr. Yona Amitai, toxicological adviser to the Hadassah-University Hospital on Mt. Scopus in Jerusalem, said children under the age of five are most likely to be accidentally poisoned before Pessah.

In the event that a child has drunk kerosene or cleaning materials, give him water or milk to drink to dilute the chemicals in the stomach. Don't force the child to drink, however, and don't make him vomit under any circumstances, sad Amitai. The corrosive nature of most cleaning products can cause additional damage to the esophagus if they're regurgitated.

Seek medical help immediately. Doctors (and parents, in an emergency) can call the National Poison Control Center at 04-529205.



An Australian Air Force C-130 Hercules transport yesterday tests infrared counter-measures, part of its electronic warfare self-protection system, over the coast of South Australia. (Reuter)

Filipino bandits raid town, kill 100

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines (AP) – About 200 heavily armed bandits ransacked this southern Philippine town yesterday, robbing banks and stores and battling troops flown in to quell the insurgency. About 100 people were killed.

President Fidel Ramos ordered police and soldiers flown in by helicopter to "shoot to kill" the raiders, believed to belong to Abu Sayyaf, a Moslem extremist group blamed for numerous ransom kidnappings and bombings in the southern Philippines.

Ramos also declared a state of emergency in Ipil, a town of 50,000 people about 760 km south of Manila. He placed troops on the entire southern island of Mindanao on alert.

The gunmen arrived in boats, two buses and a truck, and some were waiting in position when the signal was given for them to raid four of the town's seven banks simultaneously at midday, witnesses, radio reports and the military said.

They also ransacked at least one department store and set many buildings on fire to confuse police and soldiers, said military spokesman Maj. Fredesvindo Covarrubias.

In addition to the 100 people killed, he said, another 30 were wounded as the attack turned Ipil into a virtual battlefield. Radio reports said that in late afternoon, thick smoke from burning buildings was blanketing the town.

A local military commander said he sent armored personnel carriers after the bandits, who had holed up inside the compound of the public works office. After 30 minutes of heavy fighting, the bandits fled toward a nearby forest, said the commander, Col. Roberto Santiago.

It was not immediately known how many, if any, of the casualties were raiders.

Sheba fund-raiser to feature Oscar de la Renta

JUDY SIEGEL

SHEBA Hospital hopes to raise NIS 500,000 from an unprecedented May 1 gala in the El Al hangar at Ben-Gurion Airport with food, dancing, and fashions by the famous designer Oscar de la Renta.

The designer has invited his personal friend, Queen Noor of Jordan to attend. She has promised to give her answer in a few days.

The event, in which de la Renta will personally take part along with his team of models and winter '96 fashions, will be held under the patronage of Lea Rabin, president of Friends of Sheba Hospital. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold – at NIS 500 apiece. The proceeds will benefit the Tel Hashomer hospital's pediatrics and urology departments.

The designer, a "close friend" of Rabin, according to hospital sources, will spend five days in Israel to mark Independence Day. He will then fly to Jordan as Queen Noor's guest, to Paris and then back to the US.

Major: War in Bosnia could escalate into wider conflict

WASHINGTON (AP) – Renewed fighting in Bosnia is relatively minor now but could break out into wider conflict, increasing pressure on Western allies to find a peace settlement, British Prime Minister John Major says.

Continuing top-level meetings in Washington yesterday, including a working lunch with President Clinton, Major is focusing on the Balkan conflict as an area in which US-British cooperation is essential.

On Monday, he underscored Britain's agreement with the United States on continuing the arms embargo over Bosnia and pressed congressional leaders not to force a change in administration policy.

Major said the United States and Britain will continue their efforts to gain a peace settlement in Bosnia and he played down the severity of the most recent military clashes between Bosnian government and Serb forces.

"For the moment, what's happening I think is that the Bosnians are engaged in fairly light military actions and the Serbs are responding," said Major, whose country maintains peacekeeping forces in the region. "Clearly that's very unhelpful. At the moment they're relatively minor matters, but they could certainly worsen and I think we must try and ensure that they don't."

Japanese doomsday cult had current to power a factory

TOKYO (AP) – The mysterious "Science Ministry" of the doomsday cult suspected in Tokyo's nerve gas attack used electricity powerful enough to run a factory, Japanese media reported yesterday.

The report on the NHK television network detailed the latest bit of unsettling evidence unearthed in two weeks of raids at compounds belonging to the Aum Shinri Kyo sect, whose name means Sublime Truth.

The sect has denied involvement in the March 20 attacks, which killed 11 people and left 5,500 others ill.

Police already have seized tons of chemicals reported necessary to make the deadly nerve gas sarin used in the attacks, as well as sophisticated scientific equipment and other materials from the maze-like "Science Ministry" at the cult's compound in Kamikuishiki at the foot of Mount Fuji.

National newspapers have reported that police seized ingredients that could produce enough sarin to kill millions of people, and that the cult also may have been working on biological and nuclear weapons.

The NHK report said investigators found a large chemical production chamber in the building and would examine records of the building's power usage to watch for patterns that might indicate sarin production. Police declined to comment on the report.

NHK said the building used electricity at power levels up to 6,600 volts, roughly the same as in a medium-size factory. Outlets in ordinary Japanese homes deliver 100 volts.

Ukraine gov't dismissed

KIEV (Reuter) – President Leonid Kuchma challenged Ukrainians yesterday to modernize their country by pursuing the market reforms he had launched and the government he had frequently criticized was sacked by a discontented parliament.

Minutes before Kuchma's landmark speech, deputies threw out the government in an overwhelming vote of no confidence. Close advisers to the president said he would seize the opportunity to create a team capable of proceeding with change.

It was the first time since independence that a government had been thrown out on a confidence vote. The new administration will be Ukraine's fifth of the post-Soviet era.

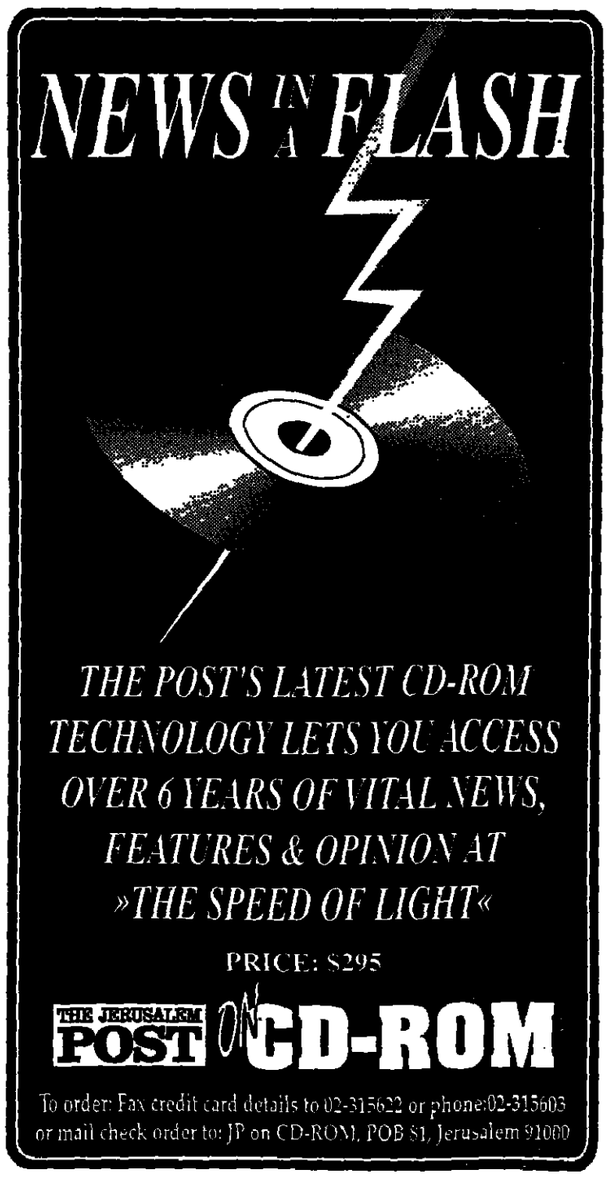
Man charged for attacking Page of Led Zeppelin

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) – A former Led Zeppelin fan who now calls the band's music "satanic" was arrested for allegedly trying to stab guitarist Jimmy Page.

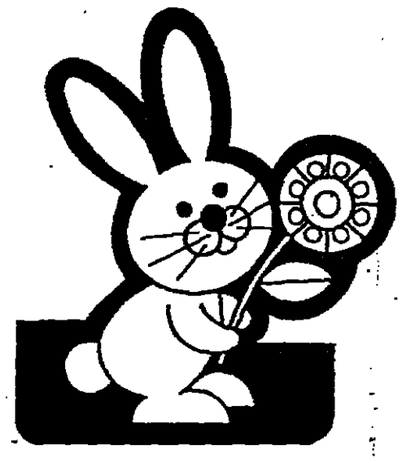
Four people, including two attending the concert, suffered minor cuts when Lance Alworth Cunningham slashed at them with a pocket knife as he dropped onto the floor behind the stage, police said.

"He said he was going to 'off Jimmy Page,'" police Chief John Dalton said.

Page, who was playing during the Page-Robert Plant concert, was unaware of what was happening about 15 meters away, police said. The attacker was subdued by employees and a stage hand.



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Rabin's epithets

VISITING the shell-shocked northern towns yesterday, President Ezer Weizman again displayed the kind of statesmanship Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin seems incapable of mastering. Following a similar visit last week, Rabin promised aid for the Galilee towns at the expense of Golan communities. Weizman made it clear that discriminating against Israelis across the Green Line is unconscionable.

Encouragingly, the Galilee residents who bear the brunt of the Katyusha attacks, wholeheartedly agreed with Weizman. Seeming to have a better understanding than the prime minister both of Israel's strategic position and the danger of internal divisiveness, they declared that they consider Golan residents no less in the "confrontation line" than the targets of last week's bombardment.

It is not easy to understand what prompts Rabin to make such gratuitous, disparaging statements about Israeli citizens. When his targets were residents of Judea, Samaria and Gaza, some observers speculated that his impetuous vulgarities stemmed from his identifying settlers with the Likud opposition, for which he has been harboring irrational hostility since prestate days. But the Golan settlers are mostly Labor Party members. That they are strenuously campaigning against the government's intention to relinquish the Heights is hardly reason to treat them as second-class citizens.

The only possible explanation for Rabin's indiscriminate outbursts – of which the most offensive was his calling the Likud a Hamas and Islamic Jihad accomplice – is that he suffers from intolerable frustration. Contrary to his expectations, the agreement with the Palestinians has caused an increase in terrorist activity and no sign of change in the Palestinians' anti-Israel stance. The Syrians, too, seem as intransigent as they have ever been, despite optimistic noises from Washington about the Israel-Syria ambassadors' talks.

Yet the very fact that Rabin feels pressured by these developments is an indication of his realistic approach. His dilemmas are all too real. He could have succumbed to the calls from his left wing – yesterday endorsed by Secretary of State Warren Christopher – to evacuate the Arab population centers in the territories and gamble on the consequences. Instead, he insists that first the Palestinian Authority's efforts to combat terrorism must become far more substantial than they are. Clearly, the prospect of having more Gazas in the neighborhood – this time on the outskirts of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem – gives him pause.

Rabin's hesitancy and trepidation are indeed warranted by developments. Unfortunately, they also breed uncontrollable frustration and thoughtless epithets.

Bloodshed in Burundi

THE explosion of ethnic violence in Burundi has surprised no one – there have been gloomy predictions since the collapse of neighboring Rwanda, where a million people were massacred last year and another million fled as refugees. Burundi has been hovering on the brink of similar killings and it is all the more depressing that Africa and the world were unable to prevent a repeat performance.

The only logical solution to the centuries-old antagonism between the Tutsi and Hutu tribes would be for each group to have a separate homeland in the area occupied by the two existing states. It has been obvious for decades that many of the arbitrary borders drawn by the former colonial powers in Africa are virtually meaningless, especially where they slice large traditional ethnic communities into segments.

Rwanda and Burundi are particularly illogical creations – an analogy in Europe would be if "France" were half French and half Italian and "Italy" were the same. The only sensible solution would be to redraw the borders. Unfortunately, such ideas are no more than wishful thinking.

The decline of the post-colonial state is creeping across Africa – Somalia, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Rwanda, Burundi, Zaire and several others have all but ceased to exist except as figments of geographers' and UN officials' imaginations. Those who are paying the price are not the "leaders", increasingly isolated in remote palaces or foreign hotels, but the vast streams of refugees fanning out from ethnic explosions that are as primitive and violent as those of the barbarian tribes who destroyed Rome without even realizing they had defeated an empire.

Television pictures of African gunmen who believe they can become invisible if someone fires at them are slowly spreading an awful truth. There may be nothing than can be done to bring into the 20th century most of a continent that largely has been denied any sort of education for two generations by its greedy and inept leaders. Any aid that Burundi may now get will be Band Aid, sent and distributed only by dedicated charity organizations motivated by Mother Theresa-style altruism. The prospects are remote indeed that any democratic state in the West, mindful of voter disillusion and donor fatigue, is going to step in again and try to save Burundi after the fiascos in Liberia, Somalia, Angola and Rwanda. And if neighboring Tanzania has slammed its borders shut to Burundi's refugees, who in Africa is going to persuade the rest of the world to open its doors, or its bank accounts, to save that wretched country?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'JERUSALEM, CITY OF PEACE'

Sir, – With a certain astonishment I read your editorial of March 9, "Eight churches vs. Israel." The editorial has not much to do with the text criticized, namely "Jerusalem, city of peace" (An Appeal to President Clinton from Christian Leaders," March 6). After having checked all your editions between March 6 and 9 and not finding the incriminated text, I got the original from the US.

Is it really an act of "antisemitism" if representatives of a large portion of the American electorate, having vested interests in Holy Places in Jerusalem and the Middle East, are pressing their president to go on in the peace process and ask "that in its role as facilitator to the Middle East process, the US government place the question of Jerusalem higher on its agenda"? Is is unfair to say "above all, we ask that the administration uses its influence to prevent this vital issue from being settled by force of events or the creation of facts on the ground. We fear that, if issues centering on Jerusalem are not dealt with openly and directly by all affected parties, they have the potential to derail the peace process"?

Given the outcry all around, are there facts on the ground, as stated by the bishops, or not? Is it "Israel-baiting" to point to things, done by Israel, which are sometimes in blatant contradiction to international law? That other states might also sin is no excuse in itself!

I would like to protest against the last paragraph and especially the last words of this editorial, insulting the pope and the American Churches, if you really mean what you say, i.e. "That they have chosen the path of Israel-baiting, can only lead to the sad conclusion that it is not courage and morality which rule in some of today's churches, but unprincipled, abject cowardice." I have the feeling that, indeed, it would be an act of "cowardice," if the religious leaders of more than a quarter of the American electorate would abstain from talking freely as American citizens to their freely elected president for fear of not being in harmony with the opinions of, e.g., AIPAC in a matter of serious and international concern. Does this merit "church-baiting" as evidently done in your editorial? It is surely a lack of style!

On March 20, I saw further confusion created by your editorial (see letter of Mr. Morton A. Klein): The purpose of Cardinal Keeler's and the other church leaders' intervention was not to draw attention to the emigration of Christians from the Holy Land, but to ask President Clinton to stop creating facts on the ground, which might endanger the peace process. For Cardinal Keeler, evidently, it is the "Jerusalem Question" as such, which is the focus and not a debate as to why Christians might leave the country. It seems that there is in progress – at least in your newspaper – a sort of "disinformation campaign" by voluntary "side-tracking" from the real issue at stake, i.e. the need to revive "Madrid" and to save the US from losing its role of "honest broker" of lasting Middle East peace settlement.

MSGR. DR. RICHARD MATHES,
The Chargé of the Holy See
Jerusalem.

Unforyunately, the only "facts on the ground" which seem to worry Dr. Mathes (and Cardinal Keeler) are Jewish homes in Jerusalem, whose construction he wrongly describes as a violation of international law. – *Ed. J.P.*

'WHEN THE MESSIAH COMES'

Sir, – Based upon the following facts, there should be no further consideration of a deal with a Syria at this time: Rabin's pre-election vows not to return the Golan to Syria; the problems which have arisen in the Israeli-Palestinian "peace process"; the danger arising from a Syrian-controlled Golan; Assad's repeated failures to adhere to agreements; Syria being the home base for many of the most virulent terrorist organizations; Assad's recent meeting with Mubarak and King Saud in which they invited Saddam Hussein to join them in a new front; the same meeting which caused the Gulf states to abort their budding relationship with Israel. These and many other reasons should impel Israel to cease all negotiations with Syria immediately.

What benefit would accrue to Israel if it gives the Golan to Syria for a piece of paper? The Arabs have now made it abundantly clear that they will not allow any Arab economic interaction with Israel until *all* problems have been resolved. This means that the Palestinians must be given control of Jerusalem; hundreds of thousands of "refugees" must be returned to Israel; Israel must sign the Non-Proliferation Treaty; Israel must compensate Egypt for the oil which it took from the Sinai, plus any other nonsense which the Arabs can and will concoct.

There is a Jewish expression, "When the Messiah comes," which in simple terms expresses what the Arabs mean when they say *all* problems must be resolved before they will engage in trade with Israel.

WILLIAM K. LANGFAN
Palm Beach, Florida.



Odd deal on Lebanon

MOSHE ZAK

AFTER the signing of the Oslo agreement, many people fantasized that Yasser Arafat would curb Hamas and Islamic Jihad terror attacks in Israel. Now there seems to be a growing opinion that the cats in Damascus and Gaza can be trusted to guard the Israeli milk from the rats of Islamic terror.

But Arafat isn't about to defend Israel from Hamas and the Islamic Jihad. And Hafez Assad isn't about to defend Israel's northern settlements from the Hizbullah.

The IDF certainly isn't basing its defense of Israelis' personal security on any such mistaken concept. But the view seems to be spreading that giving up the Golan Heights to Syria will reduce tension on the Lebanese border, that Syria will restrain Hizbullah from attacking Galilee settlements from across the border.

Everybody knows that Arafat cannot eliminate Palestinian terror. He will not engage in an armed confrontation with the fundamentalist groups; the most he can do is make use of Israeli pressure on him to persuade the fundamentalist leaders to agree to a temporary cease-fire to get their members released from Israeli jails. This explains why there have been fewer terror attacks recently.

Of course, this cease-fire is far from being any guarantee of a permanent end to Palestinian terror. It is a limited tactical step which the terrorist groups feel they can live with until their members are at liberty.

Nor could one rely on Syria's promise to the Americans that (on a temporary and limited basis) Hizbullah would not shell Israeli settlements.

AFTER OSLO, the Palestinians promised to oppose terror because they wanted immediate Israeli recognition of the PLO. But once they got their foothold in Gaza, they were in no hurry to fulfill their promise.

> Neither Arafat nor Assad will help Israel combat fundamentalist terror

The Syrians, similarly, want US and Israeli recognition of their rule in Lebanon. That is why they promised the Americans, verbally, that Hizbullah would not attack civilian targets in Galilee, in exchange for an Israeli undertaking not to attack civilian targets north of the Israeli security zone.

This promise didn't stop last Friday's Katyusha attacks on Kiryat Shmona and Nahariya. (Damascus told Washington that its understandings with the US were still in force.)

But why should Syria end these understandings? They provide a cloak of legitimacy for its illegal rule in Lebanon, and haven't prevented 50 attempted terrorist attacks over the last month against the IDF and its allies in the security zone.

Pie-crust promises like these suit the tactics of the Syrians' partners in Lebanon, whose priorities in the war against Israel are, first, to kick Israel out of the security zone by a war of attrition, and then to settle down to a war against the Galilee settlements.

The only thing Assad's understandings with the US will achieve is to give Assad a bonus – dominion over southern Lebanon – in addition to the Golan Heights.

And what will happen then to Assad's undertaking to restrain Hizbullah terror directed at Galilee? In a strange deal with Israel, the Syrians will be able to advance to the Israel-Lebanon border, while Israel will have to retreat from its positions overlooking Damascus.

Of course Israel wants to see an end to the hostile operations on its northern border. But the deal looming over the horizon is a bad one. It will neither usher in peace nor prevent terrorism.

It will do only one thing: foster the dangerous illusion that the Syrian army will protect Israel from Katyusha rockets in the long term.

The writer, a veteran journalist, comments on current affairs.

Nuclear threat: the facts

EPHRAIM KAHANA

ON April 17, the 171 signatories to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty will convene in New York to decide how, and for how long, to extend the treaty. The debate is expected to be stormy.

The Clinton administration has voiced clear support for an unconditional and indefinite extension of the treaty without any amendments, and there is broad agreement among the other four nuclear powers – Russia, Britain, France and China – that opening up the treaty to amendments now could lead to turmoil.

Most Western states favor a permanent treaty. Germany, Italy, Japan and Sweden, all of whom were originally major opponents of unconditional and indefinite extension, have been assured access to nuclear energy technology for peaceful purposes, and, in return, have pledged not to acquire nuclear weapons themselves.

Opposition to indefinite extension comes mainly from Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Mexico and Nigeria, who are impatient with the pace of disarmament set by the five declared nuclear powers.

Egypt has linked the Israeli nuclear option to the equation, charging that Israel has received substantial assistance from some nuclear-weapon states in developing its alleged nuclear weapons program. Egypt has conditioned its readiness to support the extension of the treaty on Israel's signing.

Most of the nonnuclear weapons states wish to hold the extension of the NPT hostage to the fulfillment of other arms-control measures. For these states, the nonproliferation demand by nuclear weapon states is a case of "Do as we say, not as we do."

There are three likely outcomes of the Extension Conference, which will end on May 12.

The first is indefinite extension of the NPT by majority vote. A bare majority could seriously undermine the treaty's effectiveness. The second possibility is a compromise on the series of fixed-period extensions.

The worst-case scenario, which becomes more likely if bloody-mindedness wins the day, is that the treaty will not be extended at all.

To remove discriminatory feelings, the US is proposing to negotiate a comprehensive test ban treaty, though this is seen merely as a tactical move.

> Much ado over a toothless treaty

EVEN IF the NPT is extended unconditionally and indefinitely, it will remain toothless.

To prove effective against nuclear ambitions by terror-supporting countries like Iran, North Korea, Libya and Iraq, the treaty should be amended to include a clause permitting IAEA supervisors to visit "any time and any place" where a nuclear weapons manufacturing plant is suspected to exist. Adding such a clause, however, would increase the chances of the NPT collapsing.

One school of pro-proliferationists or selectivists believes that nuclear weapons possession by key states would have a stabilizing effect. But instead of applying sanctions against any new nuclear state or dissuading states from taking the nuclear path, it seems more important to deal with each case on its own merits.

The discovery, after the allied victory in the Gulf war, of just how close Saddam Hussein's regime had been to acquiring nuclear weapons – despite Iraq being an NPT signatory – sounded alarm bells in the world community.

The pro-proliferationists have proposed a preemptive counter-proliferation measure – by force, if necessary – against such regimes only. But in the short history of this measure (which has existed since World War II), results have been very meager.

Six instances are on record: the Allied bombing of the Nazi heavy-water plant in Norway; the US bombing of the Japanese nuclear laboratories during World War II, the Iranian Air Force's unsuccessful bombing of Iraq's Osirak nuclear reactor during the first week of the Iran-Iraq war, and Israel's bombing and destruction of the Iraqi reactor without the equipment being damaged. There is also Iraq's bombing and destruction of the Iranian Bushehr reactor, and the partial destruction of Iraq's nonconventional capability by the American-led coalition in the Gulf war.

An alternative approach could be blocking the supply of nuclear technology – but here there are many problems. For example, membership in the Nuclear Suppliers' Group is far from inclusive. Some countries that should be members, like Brazil, China and India, do not belong. An additional problem is that much of the equipment used to manufacture nuclear weapons components is in the category of dual-use technology. Nuclear aspirants, moreover, can often make their own weapons without outside help.

Several countries, which have conducted private surveys through their embassies, report that around 90 countries are likely to vote in favor of extending the NPT indefinitely.

Unfortunately, however, unconditional and indefinite extension of the treaty will not guarantee the nonproliferation of nuclear weapons.

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No fun on-line

HOWARD KURTZ

IN an age when every magazine from *Vibe* to *Car and Driver* seems to be trumpeting its appearance on-line, a basic question remains: Is this stuff any better than glossy paper?

The short answer is no. At least not yet.

One can glimpse the outlines of what may be an exciting, interactive future. But at the moment, it's comparable to ordering a pizza through the Internet: It may be technologically possible, but the living-room phone is a heckuva lot easier.

"No one ever reads a second *Time* cover story on-line," says Philip Elmer-DeWitt, a *Time* senior editor. "Just reading one is enough to convince you it's no fun. When you go on-line, you basically throw away 400 years of typography – all the stuff we've learned since Gutenberg to make information jump off the page."

The on-line revolution, it seems, is roughly comparable to the state of television in 1951. You can watch *I Love Lucy* and *Beat the Clock* in black-and-white, but there's no pro football, let alone slow-motion instant replay.

In those pioneering days, television was basically radio with pictures. Today's on-line offerings, in most cases, are magazines with very few pictures. They are bound to seem rather primitive just a few years from now.

To be sure, it's fun to bounce around from the *New Republic* to *Washingtonian* to *Entertainment Weekly*, checking out the headlines and skimming a few stories. But to sit at your workstation and read lengthy articles for half an hour is hard work.

> The hyperspace newsstand is mostly a pain in the neck

That's because most on-line magazines (and newspapers) are largely text-based operations. You choose among various icons, menus and headlines, but you wind up with a lot of words. Most hard-copy readers take for granted the way photos and graphics break up the monotony of gray type.

TIME, WHICH is on America Online, has joined a slew of magazines on the much-publicized World Wide Web, a sort of hyperspace newsstand. But when you dial the Web, sometimes it rings and rings. Other times the line is busy.

By the time you get on the Web, you could have gone down to the corner, bought a copy of *Time*, picked up the dry cleaning, eaten a hot dog, read the magazine and tossed it in the recycling bin.

Subscribers are looking at *Time* on America Online more than 90,000 times a week, and 50,000 times at *U.S. News*. Despite earlier fears, magazine executives say the on-line traffic is not cutting into their circulation.

There's been talk that magazines, freed from the cost of paper and ink, could supply all sorts of "extra" stories for specialists and aficionados.

So far, there's been little of this value-added material.

The single most useful consumer feature for these magazines is the ability to search back issues. You can usually get a listing of articles by key word or topic, as well as the table of contents for particular issues. Most of the magazines have only about a year's worth of archives on-line, but that will obviously change.

The greater promise of on-line journalism is that readers will be able to communicate with editors and reporters. (How much feedback journalists actually want is another matter.)

But for now, what you get in most cases is subscribers talking to one another, or themselves. And unlike a letters-to-the-editor page, where some intelligent life form has culled the most interesting and provocative letters, here you have to click your way through a lot of dross.

According to *Time*'s Elmer-DeWitt, people initially sign on to read the magazine. But what hooks them is the bulletin boards, particularly when they quit "lurking," and exchange their first message.

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'Cradle' books survey now on computer

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THE first comprehensive survey of books that survived from the cradle of printing in Europe 500 years ago is nearing completion in London.

"We have scoured the earth for them over the past 15 years," said Martin Davies, curator in charge of incunabula at the British Library.

Incunabula – Latin for "things of the cradle" – means everything printed in the 15th century, single sheets as well as books. An individual example is called an "incunable."

Paradoxically, the survey won't be available as a book but on CD-ROM, scheduled for sale in summer 1996.

"We love books but a book on this would be quickly outdated. New information never stops flowing in because these early books are scattered all over the world," Davies said.

The database is called *The Incunable Short-Title Catalog* (ISTC) and is already open to computer users and networks.

"Short-Title" means author, title, printer and date, the location of each book and references to it in other works, but omitting detailed analysis. The disk will carry some 28,000 records.

"Until now, much of this information was buried in collections and difficult to use," said Lotte Hellinga, who first raised the idea of a machine-readable database of incunabula at a German bibliographers' conference in 1979.

"The ISTC will help historians of printing, texts and illustration to see what exists," said Hellinga, ex-head of the Incunables Section, who is working on the project.

Davies sees the catalog as "a window on the past, adding to our knowledge of the 15th century."

"We will know what printers thought worth publishing and what people thought worth reading. And we are locating books which have reader's notes in them showing how they were read. We cannot do that until we have the database to give the signposts and guides through all this treasure," Davies said.

Some books only were printed once while others went through many reprints. Once a book was issued, printers had other uses for the metal type and broke up the pages. If more copies of a book were ordered, the type was set up again for the new edition.

Each separate setting of type is regarded as a single edition and each edition is the basis of one record in the survey.

"Nobody has ever made more than an educated guess at the total production of the presses of the 15th century," Davies said.

"Figures have ranged from 20,000 to 40,000 editions and there were perhaps 3,000 different works, from single-sheet prayers to four-volume Bibles," he said.

Davies, 43, heads a team of five working in one cramped room at the British Museum, where the British Library is housed temporarily while it awaits completion of its new building at St. Pancras.

Johannes Gutenberg is credited with inventing printing by movable type. He produced his first books at the beginning of the 1450s and is immortal as the first printer of the Bible.

By 1500, there were probably about 500 printers in some 300 towns and cities and about half-a-million incunables survive, not all of them rare, Davies said.

The database lists 700 surviving copies of *The Nuremberg Chronicle*, printed first in Latin and then in German – and more copies keep turning up. It was the most illustrated book of the 15th century, with 1,700 woodcuts depicting world history from the biblical creation to 1492.

The ISTC database is compiled from records sent in by libraries in many countries and is being extended with European Union funding to carry pictures of text pages and illustrations.

The British Library has the world's largest collection of incunables with about 11,000 editions. Other rich collections are in Germany, France, the Vatican, Russia and in the US at the Huntington Library in San Marino, California, and the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

Ludwig Hain of Munich compiled a list of 16,000 editions in his two volumes published in Stuttgart and Paris in 1826 and 1838.

In 1925, a German team launched the ambitious *Comprehensive Catalogue of Incunables*, a vast work that includes textual extracts from the early books. After 70 years it has issued part of Volume 10 and has about 20 volumes to go. (AP)

Moussa: Israel's fears of NPT baseless

Egypt wants Israel to sign the NPT to help create a 'new order' in the region, Foreign Minister Amr Moussa tells Hillel Kuttler in Washington

AMR Moussa is speaking about a changed Middle East, about trade and tourism, economic cooperation and open borders.

Those elements constitute what the Egyptian foreign minister sees as the "new order" developing in the region during a period of peace, a vision shared, he notes, by his Israeli counterpart, Shimon Peres.

But Moussa's vision is darkened by a cloud: Israel's refusal to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

Israel cannot maintain "its nuclear program while the era is a peaceful era, an era of cooperation and so on. This matter is a contradiction in terms," he said.

Accompanying President Hosni Mubarak on a four-day working visit here, Moussa said in a 45-minute interview on Sunday night that Egypt has not modified – and will not modify – its demands that Israel be brought into the fold.

The battle over extending the 25-year-old treaty is now heading toward a climax. It comes up for renewal in two weeks at a UN conference. In recent months, Egypt has pressed Israel publicly and privately to sign the NPT and open its presumed nuclear facilities to inspection – to no avail.

The US has called the NPT's extension a top national security priority, and the issue is sure to dominate today's White House meeting between Mubarak and President Bill Clinton.

Cairo's position has evolved somewhat: It no longer demands that Jerusalem sign on by the time the conference meets.

But in the interview, Moussa for the first time laid out publicly exactly what Cairo now wants to see happen: First, Israel must agree, prior to the NPT conference, to discuss a nuclear-free Middle East beginning with the next meeting of the multilateral arms control and regional security (ACRS) negotiations. Second, it must commit itself now to joining the NPT group within about two years of signing peace treaties with Syria and Lebanon.

Moussa rejected outright Prime Minister Rabin's and Peres's statements that only after a two-year period following agreements on a comprehensive peace with all Middle Eastern states and their neighbors – including Iran, Iraq and Libya – would Jerusalem consider widening the arms control agenda to include regional denuclearization.

Moussa said, rather, that Cairo would consider a comprehensive peace to be in force once the remaining parties from the Madrid peace conference – meaning only Syria and Lebanon – sign treaties with Israel. It is then, he said, that the two-year period would begin.



Moussa: The matter is very serious, touching on our national security, regional security, the future of the region. (Isaac Harari)

Asked whether he saw any validity in the Rabin-Peres position, Moussa said: "No. But one has to be fair. I cannot tell the Israelis not to think or not to worry about this or that situation. It's not a question of just [turning] a blind ear or eye to what they are saying."

But as to the perceived threat from Tripoli, Moussa asked rhetorically: "What can Libya do to Israel?"

He added: "This in our opinion is completely unnecessary. What's Libya? If we talk about Iran, then comes Pakistan, then comes China, then comes Korea, then comes Japan. We are not entering into this game."

As for Baghdad, Moussa said: "The Iraqis are under strict supervision ... and clear-cut resolutions of the Security Council, and constant visits by a highly qualified group of supervisors. So there is not a threat by Iraq."

Moussa dismissed Israel's argument that Iran's being a signatory to the NPT – while recently signing a nuclear power deal with Russia – proves the shortcomings of the nuclear agreement.

The treaty does not bar peaceful uses of nuclear energy, but these can generate weapons-grade material.

"If there is any violation [by Iran], let us know about it,"
Moussa said in a deep, stern tone, while toying with the extinguished cigar he had been smoking minutes earlier.

"But they have the same right as any state member to develop [their] peaceful nuclear energy project. So there is no strong case except just fears" – Moussa here articulated extra vowels, stretching the word as he slowly extended his left arm across the top of the sofa – "about the future."

If Egypt is to agree to any delayed time frame, Moussa said, it would be only for when Israel commits itself to signing the NPT.

Moussa insisted Cairo did not want to sweep the matter under the rug to alleviate tensions with the US.

He added: "Our position has not changed, and we are in no position to change it.... I want to tell you, it is not a matter of face-saving or compromises or a window just to get Egypt or any other country out of a certain situation that they want to get out of – no! The matter is very serious, touching on our national security, regional security, the future of the region."

And he took an indirect swipe at the Americans for adopting Jerusalem's position on the issue.

"The point is that Israel and some others do [view] everything ... from the Israeli angle," he said. "Well, we look at things from a different angle."

If Israel agrees in the next two weeks to discuss a nuclear-free zone, it "will be a major step" for Egypt, he said. "It will be appreciated. It will open up the door for a general reconsideration of the situation."

But he did not state explicitly whether Israeli agreement on eventual talks to denuclearize the region and on signing the NPT would in fact result in Egypt's signing the NPT extension. Moussa said Egypt "cannot do that without clarification" from Israel first on whether and when it will accede on both counts.

Egypt's position was endorsed by the March 22 Arab League meeting, Moussa maintained. The group's decision not to reveal how it would vote on the NPT extension was taken in order "to give Israel another ... chance to answer the Egyptian proposals on this question," he said.

Moussa seemed unconcerned that the bitter dispute might sour Israeli-Egyptian relations in the long term.

"We are entitled to raise whatever problems we want to raise, as long as we are serious about it. So are the Israelis.

"But we also fail to understand why the Israelis would take any objection to a certain [Egyptian] problem with Israel as enmity....

"We disapprove and disagree on certain issues and, in my opinion, to my reading of the situation, this is the essence of normal relations.... The whole diplomacy of Israel, since 1948, was based on the word 'negotiations.' Why has the word 'negotiations' become a dirty word suddenly in the Israeli dictionary?"

Heroism and modesty come naturally to the Danes

JEWISH WORLD

DANES don't want to be praised for brushing their teeth, sleeping or walking, says Victor Borge, a native son. Nor do they want to be praised for the heroic armada that saved 8,000 Jews during World War II.

These are "natural" things for Danes to do, "and that is why they don't want to be thanked," Borge said Saturday in a radio interview in New York.

Nonetheless, recognition was bestowed by the National Conference of Christians and Jews on Monday night when Borge presented a medal to Count Christian Castenskjold in honor of the Danish royal family for the courageous leadership of King Christian X in the rescue of Denmark's Jews.

After Germany invaded Denmark in 1940, the royal family won the devotion of the Jews when the king vowed to don the yellow star if the Jews were obligated to wear one. Three years later, in 1943, the Danes used every available seaworthy vessel to ferry Danish Jews to safety in Sweden.

Borge, a comedian and concert pianist who was born Borge-Rosenbaum in Copenhagen, was considered a Nazi target, as his routines often lampooned Adolf Hitler. He made it to Sweden before the invasion. "I saw it coming and I was preparing myself to get out, and I was out when it occurred." *Marilyn Henry*

EMANU-EL BEYOND 120

On April 6, 1845, 33 German-Jewish immigrants scraped together $28 to rent a second-story parlor in a building at the corner of Grand and Clinton streets, in the heart of an Orthodox community, to create a home for New York's first Reform synagogue.

That synagogue became Temple Emanu-el. The history of its journey up Fifth Avenue to its current home at 65th Street mimicked the grander side of the New York Jewish experience – from humble beginnings on the Lower East Side to sites in Silk Stocking neighborhoods over the course of a few generations. Its most prominent members were those associated with New York's German-Jewish elite in finance, industry, law and commerce, with family names like Lehman, Gould, Bloomingdale, Morgenthau.

Temple Emanu-el, which is celebrating its 150th anniversary this week with the dedication of a Torah commissioned for the event, says it is the largest synagogue in the world. (The Dohany Street synagogue in Budapest makes the same claim for itself.) Emanu-el is surely one of the most generous, with a history of philanthropy going back to assisting slaves during the US Civil War. The congregation of 3,000 families now raises between $700,000 and $1 million a year for charity.

The imposing cathedral-like structure, with a limestone facade and a sanctuary that seats 2,000 people, is the third-largest house of worship in New York City, ranking behind St. Patrick's Cathedral and the Church of St. John the Divine.

One need not be on the Upper East Side to attend Friday night services. These are broadcast faithfully on the radio station owned by *The New York Times*. According to one malicious legend, the broadcast originated to allow the *Times*'s owners, the Sulzberger family, to attend shul without entering the building. *Marilyn Henry*



Victor Borge: I saw the Nazi invasion coming, I prepared myself to get out, and I was out when it occurred. (AP)

SWIMMING AGAINST THE MAINSTREAM IN US...

A measure that would indirectly allow the US government to pay for parochial-school education has set the stage for a battle pitting an alliance of some Orthodox Jews and Catholics against the American mainstream.

Under the system, certain parents could use government-issued "school vouchers" to pay for their children's education at schools of their choice. In addition to offering families a choice, vouchers also are appealing, in theory, because parental choice would force public schools to improve to compete for students. Under the current system, public-school children are routed to neighborhood schools, or families pay for private education.

Within segments of the Orthodox and Catholic communities, the idea is popular because vouchers could be used at parochial schools, where tuition may top $10,000 a year.

The voucher legislation – the Low Income School Choice Demonstration Act – was introduced late last month. The measure, which was cosponsored by Connecticut's Joseph Lieberman, the sole Orthodox member of the Senate, would apply only to families that meet federal poverty criteria and be limited to a trial period.

Limited or not, vouchers are opposed by mainstream Jews and liberal Christians, who contend that vouchers are a governmental subsidy of religion that violates the doctrine of the separation of church and state. Vouchers are also opposed by the public school systems. They argue that vouchers would undermine the goal of universal quality education and create a two-tiered system by siphoning off the best students and teachers. *Marilyn Henry*

... AND IN FRANCE

French judicial authorities will rule this month on a bid by religious and educational groups to let students skip classes on Saturdays, an official said on Monday.

The case, in which three associations and one student are contesting a rule requiring Saturday attendance, is being closely watched by minorities worried that the government's efforts to promote cultural integration could infringe on personal liberty.

A ruling in the case is expected on April 14, said a spokesman for the Constitutional Council, France's highest administrative court.

The Central Council of French Jews, the Association of French Students, the International Association for the Defense of Religious Liberty, and student Yonathan Koen have asked the council to modify a 1991 law on school attendance.

Koen was barred from enrolling at high school in the Mediterranean city of Nice after seeking clearance to skip Saturday sessions.

In a hearing last Friday, the groups argued the law forces students to attend Saturday classes although their religious beliefs require them to pray and rest on that day.

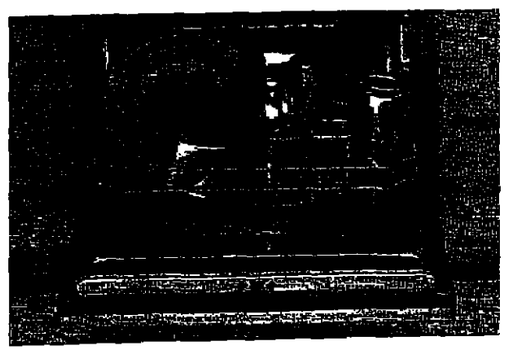
Constitutional Council magistrate Yann Aguila said allowing students to skip classes on a particular day would lead to "a la carte instruction."

The French government actively promotes integration of minorities into mainstream society.

In a 1989 case the council ruled that attendance rules took precedence over an individual's right to religious observance. (Reuter)

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IEC's fourth quarter net profits drop

Annual net earnings jump to NIS 363 million from NIS 285 million

THE Israel Electric Corporation yesterday announced a drop in fourth quarter net profits to NIS 38 million from NIS 64m. during the same period in 1993.

Quarterly revenues went up to NIS 1.43 billion from NIS 1.27b. (adjusted figure).

IEC said the drop was due to lower consumer rates and a rise in fuel costs.

However, IEC announced improved annual net profits to NIS 363m. from NIS 285m. in 1993. Annual revenues increased to NIS 5.5b. from NIS 5.4b.

IEC said the relatively low 1.7% growth in revenues was due to a 7.3% reduction in consumer rates.

Total sales rose to NIS 25.2b. from NIS 22.9b.

RACHEL NEIMAN

IEC board chairman Adi Amorai pointed out the reported annual net profits included a NIS 30m. provision for new equipment stock.

The company experienced a NIS 1.4b. rise in property on the new Hadera coal power station, which is currently under construction.

Total annual investments rose to NIS 3.1b. from NIS 3b.

At yesterday's presentation of annual results, IEC general manager Rafi Peled was asked whether management would continue its policy of granting free electricity to its workers.

Peled replied that management did not intend to cancel this benefit, pointing out that the IEC determined a ceiling of 25,000 kilowatt hours per year, or an average 13,000 kilowatt per year.

This comes to some NIS 240 per month, he said.

Management might consider lowering the ceiling, Peled said, but added "there are other companies that give far larger benefits to workers."

IEC should share its profit with consumers

COMMENT

NEIL COHEN

THAT the Israel Electric Corporation is a more efficient company that produces electricity more cheaply is good news. That it does so profitably, rather than seeking direct subsidies from the taxpayer, is also good news.

But the bad news is that the monopoly remains a largely self-regulating monopoly, run by management for the benefit of board and employees first, and shareholders and consumers (meaning you and I) last.

Employees will receive a bonus of NIS 36 million, or 10 percent of the company's profits, in addition to virtually unlimited free electricity.

Yes, the company is paying the government a dividend. Yes, electricity prices have risen by less than inflation.

But look at the situation in England.

The privatized regional electricity companies, regulated by an independent watchdog, reported record profits. So the regulator said "this can't be right, you are obviously charging too much. You will have to cut your prices."

Unnerved, one of the privatized UK water companies, which also announced surging profits, said that it would be giving its customers cash rebates.

The IEC should follow suit.

Shekem's negotiations with Hypershuk break down

SHEKEM'S negotiations to merge the company's food division with Hypershuk have broken down following a failure to reach an agreement.

In an announcement to the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, Shekem refused to specify the reasons for the collapse.

Sources close to the food sector said they expect Shekem to enter talks with another retail chain soon as part of its reorganization and recovery plan.

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

Shekem's management said establishing a large supermarket company in partnership with another retail chain will lead to a significant improvement in its ability to compete and provide services to customers.

Earlier this year, Shekem's management announced a reorganization and recovery program involving the separation of its marketing activities into two divisions – department store and food and supermarket.

The plan is part of the Elco group's hopes to revive the ailing firm, which it purchased from the government last December.

Shekem ended the year with a net loss of NIS 57.4 million, more than double the NIS 27.36m. loss registered in the previous year.

The company registered revenues of NIS 1.4 billion, about evenly split between the two divisions.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Pharmaceutical, chemical exports rise 5.7%: Exports for the nation's chemical and pharmaceutical industries increased 5.7 percent to $2.15 billion last year, the Manufacturers Association reported yesterday. Exports to the European Union, particularly to Holland and Spain, increased 12% to $75m., while exports to the US and Japan remained stable.

Imports of chemical products (not including minerals) rose 12% to $1.66b. Pharmaceutical exports went up 25% to $267m., while pesticide exports increased 9% to $325m., petrochemical exports rose 31% to $201m. and gas, oil and oil by-product exports fell *10% to $404m.* Exports in the biotechnology and diagnostics field increased 4% to $325m.

Lapidot begins drilling at sites near Dead Sea: Lapidot announced it has begun drilling at the Halamish site near the Dead Sea. Lapidot, which is executing drilling for Avner, intends to reach a depth of 2,700 meters. The company also announced it started drilling for Dead Sea Works at the Tamar 5 site and for Oil Fields at the Ma'anit 1 site.

Amisragas announces desire to bid for Energy Ministry tender: The American-Israel Gas Corporation, more commonly known as Amisragas, notified the Energy Ministry yesterday it is preparing to bid for a soon-to-be-announced tender for supplying the country's natural gas needs.

The company has established a work group, including representatives from Amoco/Enron, to work on the project. Amisragas is part of a solar energy development group with Amoco/Enron subsidiary Solarex. Amisragas supplies some 40 percent of the nation's industrial consumers with gas. The company said it is also ready to provide gas power for cars, using a patented American system.

Kibbutz members demand review of bank accounts: The Headquarters To Save Kibbutzim plans to hold an emergency meeting today to express its opposition to the signing of the kibbutz debt arrangement.

The members are demanding that representatives of the kibbutz movements conduct a thorough examination of the kibbutzim's bank accounts before the debt arrangement plan is signed. The members said a proper examination of their bank accounts will reveal that many of the kibbutzim do not owe money to the banks, and in some cases the banks own money to the kibbutzim.

Frenkel installed as chairman of Inter-American Development Bank

JOSE ROSENFELD

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday warned that peace will remain empty should the international economic community fail to assist in developing the region.

Speaking at the opening of the 36th annual meeting of the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) at the Jerusalem International Convention Center, Rabin noted that the peace achieved by diplomats only opens gates.

If it does not concretely change the quality of life of the average Egyptian, Jordanian or Palestinian, then it is an empty peace.

"Without outside assistance and regional cooperation, the peace will remain a piece of paper," said Rabin. "Unless the international economic community participates, I'm afraid we will not bring hope, life, progress to the peoples in the region."

Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel was installed as chairman of the board of governors of the IADB shortly after the annual meeting opened.

Frenkel, who will hold the position until the beginning of next year's meeting in Argentina, said the job will not interfere with his duties as governor of the central bank.

"Don't forget you are also the governor of the Bank of Israel," quipped Rabin after congratulating him on the position.

Frenkel interpreted the honor as a positive message about the country's integration in the world economy.

"The fact that a bank governor of a small country like Israel, which only holds a 0.18 percent share of IADB, is elected chairman of the board reflects positively on Israel's economy," said Frenkel.



Bank Of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin stand during the opening of the Inter-American Development Bank's 36th annual meeting at the Jerusalem International Convention Center. (Isaac Harari)

He also pointed out the significance of the meeting taking place in Jerusalem and the fact that the meeting has attracted the largest number of participants ever.

Although IADB exclusively funds Latin American projects to the tune of $6 billion annually, Israeli companies are able to participate in those projects.

In the past six years, 15 Israeli firms have won $62 million in IADB tenders.

Frenkel said he hoped the meeting will enable the local business community to strengthen its ties with Latin America and that in his new position he can heighten the awareness of businessmen to opportunities in the region.

Turning to the local economy, Frenkel said he had "all the reasons to expect that the inflation goal of 8% to 11% will be reached this year."

He spoke of the tremendous potential behind the economic development of the Middle East with a market of 253 million consumers.

At the same time, Frenkel addressed the fears of Israel's Arab neighbors worried about Israeli economic hegemony over the region.

Alluding to the Mexican experience with opening its border to free trade with the US and Canada, Frenkel said "the weaker tend to benefit more from open trade."

Hapoalim: Inflation headed for 9.5% in '95

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

INFLATION is expected to reach an annual rate of 9.5 percent this year, well below the Bank of Israel and Treasury's target rate of 11%, according to the Bank Hapoalim economic department's most recent review of the market.

According to the economists, the March rise in the consumer price index will be 0.3 percentage points.

In the report, Bank Hapoalim said the real interest on the Bank of Israel monetary tender was 4% in real terms, much higher than in other industrial countries.

The economists expect a drop in interest rates.

According to the report, it is necessary to re-examine the make-up of the currency basket following the weakening of the US dollar on the principal world money markets.

The economists noted the basket of currencies was established 10 years ago, but since then the dollar weight of the basket has fallen to 53% from 60%.

The economists said the trade deficit increased 24% in January and February.

They blamed the rise on a 4% drop in electronics, metals and machinery exports, the country's largest export sector.

The higher deficit was also due to a 14% growth in consumer product imports.

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A copy of the specifications and conditions of tender can be obtained from the Secretary of the Board of Directors, 15 Salah El-Din Street, East Jerusalem, Tel. 282335/6/7, until April 13, 1995.

Bids should be submitted not later than 12 noon on April 30, 1995.

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THE ISRAEL-CANADA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
invites you to
a BREAKFAST BUSINESS MEETING
to be held preliminary to the continuation of the negotiations for
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Guest Speaker:
Mr. Dov Lautman
Chairman, Delta Galil Industries B.M.
and the Prime Minister's Special Envoy for promoting overseas investments in Israel
will speak on "Business Opportunities"
The meeting will take place on
Friday, April 7, 1995, at 8:30 a.m.
at the Hilton Hotel, Hayarkon Street, Tel Aviv.
Those wishing to attend should contact the Israel-Canada Chamber of Commerce at 03-202544, or fax 03-202513

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Healthcare Tech. merges with Orgenics

RACHEL NEIMAN

HEALTHCARE Technologies announced yesterday it will merge with Yavneh-based Orgenics and consolidate the two companies' activities at Healthcare's Ashdod site.

Orgenics – which develops, manufactures and markets diagnostic kits for blood, saliva and other clinical specimen analysis – reported $770,000 in annual net profits on revenues of $7.7 million, primarily to France.

Healthcare, which develops medical diagnostic kits, reported $94,000 in net profits on revenues of $7.8m.

Orgenics failed to complete a $22m. US public offering at the end of the year due to difficult market conditions, the firm said.

Healthcare will grant Orgenics shareholders newly issued shares representing 40 percent of outstanding capital share in Healthcare (following the issue).

There will also be options offered to certain Orgenics employees and consultants.

Healthcare president Yeshayahu Yakir will be president of the merged company. Orgenics board chairman Max Hertzberg will be active chairman.

Two Reichert executives remanded for tax evasion

TWO top executives of Reichert Industries, Ltd. were remanded for four days yesterday by the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court, on suspicion of tax evasion, being accomplices to tax evasion and keeping false books in 1989-1994.

Ezra Reichert, 60, of Tel Aviv, a partner and manager; and Menashe Cohen, 53, the firm's comptroller, are suspected of paying employees much more than appeared on their salary slips and thus deducting less tax then was due on what was actually paid them.

The firm allegedly printed false salary slips, but never issued them to employees, so the workers should not detect the scam, tax officials said.

An employee that needed a copy of a salary slip for any reason was issued one by hand that did not contain the same information as those produced by the firm's computer, they said.

The firm also allegedly helped senior employees reduce their tax burden by "hiring" an executive's family member and dividing the executive's salary between himself and his relative, thus lowering the executive's tax bracket.

Tax officials added that the firm allegedly issued gasoline vouchers to workers and had their cars fixed at company expense without deducting tax on these benefits, as is required by law.

(Itim)

JVC working on VCR tape capable of recording 49 hours

TOKYO (AP) – JVC Corp., which developed the VHS system used in most home video cassette recorders, yesterday announced a new version of the format that allows digital recording.

The Japanese electronics company did not say when it will introduce machines using the new standard, called D-VHS, and said it had completed only the "initial stage of research."

By announcing its new format quickly, JVC hopes to take the lead in a race to dominate standards for future digital video recording.

Increasingly, video is being processed in digital instead of traditional analog form – for example, in multimedia computers and in direct satellite broadcasting.

Depending on design, digital video is capable either of high-quality images or long playing times.

Digital video tapes can also be copied repeatedly without any significant deterioration in picture quality.

JVC said D-VHS machines will be able to record up to 49 hours of digital video on a single cassette in long-play mode. They will also be compatible with current VHS tapes, it said.

That compatibility is likely to be a key element in its competition for market dominance against a group of about 50 companies that are supporting a digital VCR format that uses much smaller tapes.

JVC reportedly has received support from 17 VCR and tape makers for its new VHS format.

Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Japan's largest consumer electronics maker, owns a majority of JVC stock.

Large variety of fruits expected this summer

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THERE will be a large variety and supply of fruit this summer, one year after the government declared a natural disaster in the fruit and citrus sectors, the Fruit Board reported yesterday.

The board said the first loquats, peaches and nectarines are already on the market. The board expects a doubling in fruit crops this year from 1993.

Ami Uriel, the board's secretary-general, said there will be no need to import fruit this season. He said the board has invested much effort in finding new export markets for local fruit.

David Heinman, head of the board's export department, said the board, in cooperation with Agrexco, is preparing to export large quantities of fruit in the May-to-October period.

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (5.4.95)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	5.375	5.500	6.125
Pound sterling (£100,000)	4.750	5.125	5.750
German mark (DM 200,000)	3.250	3.250	3.750
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	2.250	2.575	2.750
Yen (10 million yen)	0.375	0.250	0.125

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (4.4.95)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS		BANKNOTES		
	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell	Rep. Rates**
Currency basket	3.4332	3.4886	—	—	3.4641
U.S. dollar	2.9324	2.9737	2.88	3.03	2.9630
German mark	2.1294	2.1638	2.09	2.20	2.1430
Pound sterling	4.7262	4.8025	4.64	4.87	4.7761
French franc	0.6074	0.6172	0.59	0.63	0.6119
Japanese yen (100)	3.3977	3.4526	3.33	3.51	3.4205
Dutch florin	1.9028	1.9333	1.86	1.97	1.9110
Swiss franc	2.5978	2.6398	2.55	2.68	2.6117
Swedish krona	0.3965	0.4029	0.38	0.41	0.4004
Norwegian krone	0.4742	0.4819	0.45	0.49	0.4780
Danish krone	0.5375	0.5462	0.52	0.56	0.5408
Finnish mark	0.6794	0.6904	0.66	0.70	0.6905
Canadian dollar	2.0697	2.1336	2.06	2.17	2.1224
Australian dollar	2.1493	2.1840	2.11	2.22	2.1744
S. African rand	0.8171	0.8303	0.74	0.83	0.8252
Belgian franc (10)	1.0360	1.0526	1.01	1.07	1.0426
Austrian schilling (10)	3.0254	3.0742	2.97	3.12	3.0452
Italian lira (1000)	1.7014	1.7288	1.67	1.76	1.7217
Jordanian dinar	—	—	4.24	4.54	4.2815
Egyptian pound	—	—	0.83	0.91	0.9037
ECU	3.8816	3.9443	—	—	3.9101
Irish punt	4.7293	4.8066	4.64	4.88	4.7854
Spanish pesata (100)	2.3122	2.3485	2.27	2.39	2.3289

* These rates vary according to bank. ** Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

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Two-Sided, Maof post 0.6% gains

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

RACHEL NEIMAN

159.06 +0.60% Two-Sided Index

160.38 +0.60% Maof Index

131.43 -0.23% Karam Index

MINIMAL positive movement was the order of the day yesterday, with the Two-Sided and Maof indexes both rising 0.6 percent.

General turnover was a low NIS 47 million.

Morning trading opened on insignificant demand of NIS 10m. on even more insignificant supply of NIS 6m.

Slight rises were noted by Koor, which stayed stable on NIS 2.3m. turnover.

Most heavily traded were Elite, which was up 2.5% on NIS 1.57m. turnover; Elbit, which increased 1.2% on NIS 1.3m. turnover; and Discount Investments, which rose 0.7% on NIS 1.25m. turnover.

JOEL sank 3.5% on NIS 1.13m. turnover and IDB Holdings was up 0.5% on NIS 1m. turnover.

The Two-Sided Index rose 0.6% to 159.06 on NIS 31.7m. turnover.

The Maof Option Index also rose 0.6% to 160.38 on NIS 297.5m. volume of trade.

The Karam fell a slight 0.23%, closing at 131.43 on NIS 9.5m. turnover.

Badash, Makor, Ashot and Castro were up 10%. Ogdan and Evergreen Capital Markets were down 10%.

Reichart fell 10%, following news reports the managers of Reichart Industries were being remanded for four days under suspicion of tax evasion.

The general bond market rose 0.05% to close at 139.59. Government bonds were up 0.06% to 138.97. CPI-linked bonds also rose 0.06% to 139.48 and dollar-linked bonds declined 0.04% to 138.80.

FTSE Index jumps 45 points higher

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) – London shares ended at their best level this year, just below the session high, helped by strength in futures, gilts and bunds.

At the close the FTSE 100 was up 45 points at 3,188.1.

FRANKFURT - German shares closed higher. Short covering plus new buy orders lifted the index above resistance levels.

The DAX was poised to reach 1,970 in after-hours trade, traders said. Market was also supported by firm bond market and stabilized dollar levels. The 30-share DAX Index closed up 34.19 points at 1,965.01.

PARIS - French shares ended stronger with the April CAC-40 *future flirting with the psychologically* important 1,900 level.

A rally in German shares also helped. The CAC-40 Index up 18.77, or 1.01 percent, at 1,882.77

ZURICH - Swiss shares ended firmer following a recovery in the dollar, dealers said. Trading was quiet and volume low.

Dealers said the market's further direction would be determined by the dollar. The all-share SPI closed up 11.68 points at 1,652.93.

TOKYO - Tokyo stocks staged a technical rebound after volatile morning trade and dramatic falls on Monday.

But sentiment remained weak without strong official action to stem appreciation of the yen, and activity was dominated by short-covering and arbitrage trade, brokers said.

The Nikkei average closed up 249.24 points at 15,630.53.

HONG KONG - Stocks closed firmer on selective afternoon buying by foreign institutions but trading remained quiet with major buyers reluctant to defy bearish sentiment, brokers said.

The Hang Seng Index rose 91.49 points to 8,491.93 after breaching the 8,500 level briefly in late trade.

SYDNEY - The Australian share market finished at its highest level for the year after the Dow made slim gains on Monday and the price of gold continued to *rise in New York.*

The All Ordinaries Index ended 36.8 points higher at 1936.3, its highest level since November 17, 1994 and its biggest one day jump since since July 15, 1994.

JOHANNESBURG - Industrial shares extended gains in afternoon trade yesterday as a strong run in London shares maintained bullish sentiment, but dealers said a gold price dip had dragged related stocks off highs.

They said golds had steadied by the close as short-covering appeared following a bullion bounce back from $390 an ounce.

The overall index closed 68.7 *better at 5,395.7, the industrial* index was 56.2 up at 6,711.9 and *the gold index finished 10.3 up at* 1,542.6.

Dow Jones Index closes up 33 points to set new high again

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuter) – The blue-chip Dow Jones industrial average ended at a record high yesterday.

The index climbed as Wall Street bet that upcoming economic data, *including today's* leading economic indicators for February, will show that the economy is slowing as hoped.

Based on early and unofficial numbers, the Dow Jones Index was up *33.20 points* at 4,201.61, which eclipsed the old high of *4,172.56 set just last Thursday.*

In the broader market, advancing issues led declines by a 3-1 margin on active trading of 333 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

Analysts are forecasting a 0.1 percent drop in the leading economic indicators for February.

A figure that shows the economy slowing would be viewed as good news on the inflation front, helping keep interest rates from creeping back upward.

Key Representative Rates

		Change
US dollar	NIS 2.9630	+0.17%
Sterling	NIS 4.7781	-0.07%
Mark	NIS 2.1430	-0.41%

INT'L STOCK MARKETS

New York market indexes

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	4181.9	+13.49
DJ Transport	1638.31	+13.26
DJ Utils	190.94	+3.23
DJ Comp	1398.75	+9.19
NYSE Industr	345.25	+0.37
NYSE Transport	253.72	+1.82
NYSE Comp	272.25	+0.78
S&P 100	472.22	+0.2
S&P Spot index	502.88	+1.04
AMEX Comp	488.74	+0.75

NYSE stocks

	Unchanged	Advances	Declines
Share movements	+740	1364	850
Volume up (in 1000's)			157854
Volume down (in 1000's)			109581

Other stock market indexes

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	3188.1	+45
Tokyo Nikkei average	15630.5	+249.3
Singapore all-share index	499.13	-1.96
Hong Kong Hang Seng index	8491.93	+91.49
Israel index	133.6	-0.55

Israeli stocks in NY

	Last	Change
NYSE / AMEX		
Am Is Pap	49	0
Ampal A	6	-0.125
Aryt	1.0625	0
BioTechnology	2.1875	0
Carmel Cont	9.25	+0
Frutarom (electrochem)	3.375	0
Elscint	1.875	+0
Etz Lavud	8.875	0
Etz Lavud A	5.75	0
Laser T.	5.375	-0.125
PEC	26.75	+0.75
Tadiran	17.5	+0.125
NASDAQ / over-the-counter		
Aladdin	10	+0.3125
4TH. Dimension	4.5	+0
Ampal 8.5	17.75	-0.5
BVR	5.5	0
Converse	14.125	-0.125
Data (Defense)	5.875	+0
ECI	14.75	+0
Edunetics	1.0625	-0.0625
Edu-Soft	7.375	+0
Electric Fuel	5	+0
EFFI	55.5	+0.25
Elbit	18.375	0
Elron	8.5	-0.5
Eshed Robotec	0.40625	0
Fibronix	0.875	0
M. Systems	3.5625	-0.0625
Gilat	18	+0
ISG	1.0625	-0.0625
Geotek	8.75	-0.0625
Health Tech	1.625	+0.0625
Idan	0.3125	-0.0625
IIS	2.9375	+0.1875
Indigo	37.5	-1
Interpharm	15	0
Isramco	0.625	-0.03125
First Isr Fund	10.75	-0.125
Isisk	0.25	+0.03125
Lannet	17.875	-0.125
Lanoptics	8.25	+0
Magal	3.625	+0.1875
Media-Al	1.5	0
Mercury	18.5	+1.5
Magic	4.875	-0.125
Orbotech	12	+0
Oshap Tech	2.5	-0.5
Rada	3.375	-0.125
Robomatics	0.2812	0
Sapiens	4	+0.03125
Scitex	17.5	-0.5
Silicom	4.625	+0.375
T.A.T. Technol	2.125	+0.0625
Taro Vit	7.875	+0.375
Teledata	8.25	-0.0625
Telegraph	1.75	+0
Tower Semicond	19.875	-0.125
Teva	29.625	-0.125
TVG	1	-0.1875

(All listings are closing quotes)

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INT'L MONEY MARKETS

Dollar crossrates (US)

		Last	Change
Pound:	spot	1.606	-0.016
	Jun.future (CME)	1.6044	-0.0132
D-mark:	spot	1.3782	+0.0105
	Jun.future (CME)	0.7275	-0.0035
S-franc:	spot	1.1305	+0.0113
	Jun.future (CME)	0.8891	-0.007
Yen:	spot	86.2	+0.32
	Jun.future (CME)	0.011715	-1.7e-005
CanDlr:	spot	1.393	-0.0064
	Jun.future (CME)	0.7152	+0.0031
AusDlr:	spot	0.7391	-0.0004
	Jun.future (CME)	0.7307	-0.0011
F-franc:	spot	4.8295	+0.0247
It Lira:	spot	1715.5	-13
Nlg:	spot	1.543	+0.0054
AusSchg:	spot	9.755	+0.08
Rand:	spot	3.6905	+0.0055
ECU:	spot	1.3239	-0.0078
Bonds	future	104.19	-0
S and P	future	506.5	+1.5

Libor rates

		Last	Change
Dollar	3 months	6.3125	0
Dollar	6 months	6.5	0
Dollar	12 months	6.8125	0
Sterling	3 months	6.75	-0.0625
Sterling	6 months	7.125	0
Sterling	12 months	7.6875	0
S-franc	3 months	3.375	-0.125
S-franc	6 months	3.4375	-0.125
S-franc	12 months	3.5625	-0.125
D-mark	3 months	4.6875	-0.0625
D-mark	6 months	4.75	-0.0625
D-mark	12 months	5	0
Yen	3 months	1.6875	-0.0625
Yen	6 months	1.6875	0
Yen	12 months	1.6875	0

(Spot market listings are from approximately 23:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

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INT'L COMMODITIES AND METALS

US commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (May) (CEC)	1327	+21
Coffee (May) (CEC)	165.1	-0.35
Sugar no.11 (May) (CEC)	14.27	-0.12
Wheat (May) (CBOT)	348.5	+2.75
Orange juice (May)(CEC)	108.8	+1.15
Crude oil light (May)(CEC)	19.18	+0.15

London commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (May) (LCE)	933	+1
Coffee (May) (LCE)	3086	-18
Brent crude oil (May)(IPE)	1756	+17

Spot market metals (US)

		Last	Change
Gold:	spot	392.05	-3625.45
Silver:	spot	5.29	-0.01

New York metal futures

	Last	Change
Gold (Jun)	395.1	+0.2
Silver (May)	5.297	-0.003
Platinum (Jul)	453.5	+7.4
Palladium (Jun.)	177.5	+2.2
High-grade copper (May)	1.3725	-0.0115

London metal fixes

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	391.85	-0.3
Gold PM fix	391.7	-0.6
Silver fix	521	-9.1
Platinum PM fix	445.75	+3.75

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date

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TEL AVIV STOCKS

Multi-sided trading

Name	Price	%chg
Commercial Banks		
FratinW2	410	15.5
General	6780	
IndDevDD		
IndDvPD		
MartC	184.50	
MishkanC		
OHH	125222	-0.2
Trade	475	-0.2
TradeC	152.00	-0.3
Mortgage Banks & Finance		
Adanim	318962	
Carmel	605	1.2
CarmC3	287	1.1
DevtMB	15852	-1.5
FinsMB	34660	
IndepMB	58216	3.2
J feraC	129.00	
JlemBnk	222	
LeumiMBR	44732	
Mizhv	5484	
TefahotR	159886	
Financial Institutions		
Shiloa	7085	
Insurance		
IsradixW1	604	4.0
Aranit		
Ayalon	468	-6.0
AyalonC		
Elan	343	-2.8
ElanC1	187.50	1.3
Hadar1	861	
Hadar5	795	
HamishmrC	187.00	
Hamishmr1	1108	
Hamishmr5	948	
Menorah1	788	
Menorah5	772	
Phoenix1	2074	
Phoenix5	2057	
Sahar	545	-2.0
Zion5	10777	
Trade & Services		
bashmira	281	
Idshtau	846	-3.0
Baran	1830	-1.2
BezeklW2	90.00	
BndWthC1	134.00	
BndWthC2	126.50	
BondWtn1 L	1921	-0.3
Cltzp0.1	28711	0.8
Clal Comp	8579	-1.3
ClalCmpC	151.00	
CorBeach	1283	
Crystal	1581	0.3
DanHotl1	1551	-0.3
DCL	715	
Elad	117.00	-0.8
Feldman	110.50	2.3
GanHader	226	
GanHadC	206	
GilsgG2	188.00	
GranitC1	104.50	
GranitW2	83.00	
HGBC1	132.00	
HGBW1	57.00	8.5
HGB1	243	
Intgama1	2888	1.3
Intgama5	2538	-7.0
Liraz	1195	1.0
Malll	1020	-1.0
Medtech	384	-0.8
MedtechW	457	6.3
MLLC1	159.50	
MLL1	300	-3.2
Rapac	1369	-0.2
Rashel	80.00	
RashelC1	113.00	
Team	2276	
TeamC1	163.00	
Telsys	891	
Topline	397	2.1
Yaad	514	
YaadC1	120.00	
Yaana	1500	-0.3
Yeda1	781	0.3
Yona	377	
Industrials		
aerolashk	152.00	10.1
electracp	1751	1.0
imco	332	
solog	370	
wilger	166.50	
yehodadi	405	
AckerdC	113.50	0.4
Alliance	957	8.0
Alony	197.00	-3.0
AlupkI1L	8278	
Angel	10019	-3.0
Argaman	360	5.7
Aryt	310	
AryC)	73.50	
Ashply	1365	2.0
Ashplyn1	179.00	
Ashtrom	364	
Atzmon	300	-2.0
AtzmonW1	104.00	
Azbush	380	
Belmon	547	
BoutosC1	198.00	-0.3
CablesC3	130.50	-1.1
CablesW3	269	
Caesline	647	
Cirgal	813	
Clearo	1269	10.0
Crnum	505	-0.8
CldSirC	238	
CldSr0.1	1782	
Clnd C8	168.00	-0.9
Cyclone1	6631	
Cyclone5	4300	-3.8
CycloneC1	160.50	-1.2
CycloneC2	111.50	-2.2
Dskonci	179.50	-1.1
Dskon1	1904	
Decision	287	-2.9
Degem1	1310	1.0
Delta 1	1391	-1.3
Delta3	1411	-1.0
DubekB	7908	1.0
DubekR	8050	-0.5
EagleC		
EagleC2		
EagleW3		
Eagle1		
Edgar	128.00	-1.2
EdgarC2	134.50	0.4
EdenTec	48.30	
Elbmca	4748	0.5
Elctmca	617	-1.3
Elctr 0.5	7003	
ElectrG4	257	
EliteC	222	0.5
EshdRbtc	259	-1.1
Evrol	211	-1.9
Fertzo5	1794	
Fert0.1	2104	2.5
FeuchtW1	8212	2.0
Five J	363	-7.4
FruarC1	204	
FruarC2		
GiborC1	73.00	0.7
GiborSab	287	-7.5
GiborW2	220	
Golan	897	-0.6
Hamash	680	-10.0
Hatahof1	268	
Hatahof5	121.50	
Hod	243	
Hola	98.50	-7.1
IsrCan1	3119	
Jal-ora	731	
Kadmany1	201	
Kedem	4860	
KedemC2	178.00	-1.1
Keter	508	
KlianC1	135.50	0.4
Kill	2382	1.0
Kills	2358	-0.5
Lipski	2075	-3.0
Lodzia1	1175	-0.5
Lodzia4	1088	
LuftoGal	121.00	-8.2
MacPell	196.50	0.8
Magam	436	-1.8
Maxima1	972	
Maxima5	998	
Mel Eden	1020	0.8
Modgal	715	0.6
Mozaica1	225	5.1
Mozaica5	175.50	0.9
NegCaram	284	-3.4
Nehusht1	825	-0.2
Nehusht5	549	-2.0
Newlot	1217	-2.5
Nico1	1240	
NMC	383	1.0
Olla	691	
Ophir	214	-0.9
Orbit1	299	
Ortto	358	1.1
PackerW2	3606	
Pargod	1848	
PazChen	477	-1.0
Pika	765	
PolgatA	322	
PolgatC1	183.50	1.1
Polygon	611	-1.3
PolygonC	188.50	
PCB	595	-0.2
Rabintex	214	
RabinexW	57.00	
Sanltoll	338	-2.9
Sano1	1301	5.0
Sano5	1232	-1.5
Salen	360	-0.6
Shemen	12236	
Spclax	365	0.6
Steel	215	1.9
Suntox	4357	1.5
Tasl	24978	
Tadikan	898	0.4
Tambour	558	
Tadea	1109	-0.6
TavaC		
Tiv	620	
Tobias1	419	
Topper	127.50	-0.4
TATC1	187.00	
TAT1	501	
Uniber1	1694	
Unibes5	547	
Vitalgo1	497	
Vulcan	193.00	9.0
VulcanC	188.50	-0.9
Wardinon	19854	0.5
WardinW3	10045	-0.2
YtongC2	277	1.1
Zahavi	158.00	-0.8
Zika1	1884	
Zika5	1451	-1.5
Zion1	3001	
Zion5	3036	
ZionCab1	368	1.4
Zoharind	373	-3.1
Property, Building & Agriculture		
Iacolahr	117.00	-0.4
raved	225	-5.7
Izarted	300	-2.6
wetson	62874	
y.stong	149.00	-2.0
Afrov	1318	-1.0
Arazim	192.50	0.5
Arazim C1	170.50	
Adeden1	1201	2.5
Asia	1140	
AsiaC4	139.00	
AsiaW2	131.00	-3.0
Asula	1062	
AsulaC1	218	
AzorprC1	256	
AzorProp	474	-0.4
Barano1	607	-1.9
Bayside5	23108	-1.2
BaysideC1	25000	-1.0
BenYaKar	1491	
BenYakW1	450	
BenYharC	86.00	
BldgRes	2686	-1.3
Contactr	1120	-3.0
DanKner	1214	-0.2
DanKnerC	181.00	0.3
Darad1	170.50	-0.3
Dunbar	3997	
DunbarCw	216	
Engel	289	1.0
GoldHous	273	
GldHouseC	192.00	
Ispro	2636	-1.2
Israloa	1618	
IsraloaC	209	-0.5
IsrasC1	182.50	0.3
Isras0.5	4368	
Isras1	4848	
ICP5	22924	
Jaysour1	150.00	
Jordan	418	9.4
LazniC1	77.50	1.3
Lazrick	156.00	6.8
Lifshiz5	146.00	-3.3
Lumir1	2898	-1.5
MalibuC2	118.00	
Malibu1	571	
MarLazC2	79.00	5.3
MarLazW3	101.50	-9.8
Minrav	6713	
Mishnael	247	-3.1
MTM	2568	-1.2
NeotAviv	1210	-1.5
PriOr	5003	-9.0
RedSea	508	0.8
RogovinL	950	-3.3
Rogovin5	992	0.5
Rotem	373	
Shaked	313	
Tashluz	481	
Investment Companies		
Iays	840	6.0
Ackers1	578	2.5
Ackers2	508	1.0
AfrierC	356	
Ampa	95480	
Arad	3801	-5.0
Azr aC2	180.50	
ClalW3	123.50	-1.8
Clal50	6270	-0.7
DanbarC	199.00	
Danbar1	1879	
Elem	2832	
Emeh	154.50	-9.9
ExportC4	199.00	0.5
Hilan	315	-4.5
HilanW4	175.00	
Hiron5	7520	
Iscal	974	-1.2
IDLC8	186.50	0.3
JoelC1	168.00	
JoelC1A	170.00	
Kardan1	308	-1.0
Kitaf	224	
Magor1	1747	-0.5
Magor5	1505	-2.0
Molett	524	1.0
OclC1	126.00	
OclW1	2514	
Ofer	8560	
Pama0.1	983	1.0
Rim1	335	-1.8
Rim4	265	-2.9
SaharDev	1988	-1.7
Securtis	2061	-0.2
SecuritC	121.50	
SecuritW	250	
SAPANHASP	848	0.2
TayaC	265	
TzurC1	179.00	0.3
TzurShtmr	71.00	
Unico	4268	-9.0
Oil Exploration		
[illegible]	8525	-0.5
[illegible]	3348	-3.2
PARALLEL LIST		
Trade & Services		
afrlahl	445	-0.9
arkla	745	
gilask	299	-2.3
Idolins.	106.50	-8.2
lisbanns	196.00	-3.4
mivtaheha	923	
mitraye	2518	1.0
tedaseahl	280	
tim	418	-4.6
AllarW1	303	
Comasc	568	-0.2
Dalim1	2.30	
Danal	1136	-1.2
Data	1060	
Eltech	257	-3.0
Greenbrg	480	1.3
ILDCHOT	277	-2.1
Kind	161.50	0.8
Kopel	200	-4.8
KopelC1	165.50	0.3
MZPK	358	
Nirun1	383	0.2
Regency Ho	92.00	
TrendLin	1361	
Property, Building		
a.dori	132.50	-0.4
alocohacs	71.00	
grandelr	112.50	
pandor	477	-1.0
Adler	232	
Bar—Tom1	1850	
Caesrea1	3303	0.2
Danly	808	
Gazit	500	-0.6
GazitW1	242	-2.4
OzuC1	280	0.4
Lazmich	138.50	-3.1
Lwnstn1	727	
Melisron	565	-1.2
Oz	201	1.5
Rassco	1249	-2.0
Scandia	163.50	
ScandiaC	108.00	0.5
UnicomG1	150.00	
Unicom1	89.00	
Unicom5	92.50	
UnicorW3	6.70	
Industrials		
abcodlegn	85.50	-2.2
kadoorlegn	249	
lipman	1367	-3.0
maavivhid	695	-1.3
nisco	1350	
phyton	180.00	
reichart	997	-10.0
tachem	611	-0.3
tolnauer	441	-2.0
viemarix	91.50	-0.5
zinmetal	1178	0.3
Adumim1	249	2.9
Baruch1	1825	
Baruch5	711	
Brosh1	230	-0.4
Dexter	1763	
Eltam	183.50	
Gall	179.50	
King1	675	
Lanish1	2943	1.2
ManC1	148.50	
Man1	170.50	
MLT	1108	
Neca	35561	
NecaG1	210	
Onolab	859	1.2
Orazit	92.00	
OrazitC	99.00	
OrdaPrnt	1011	
Polak1	395	-0.5
Shladot	100.00	
Tasse	853	
Investment Companies		
darban1	1851	-1.0
idar	538	-8.7
marathon	65.00	-1.5
Atlan	1121	4.0
Binyan	61402	7.0
Haman	1300	
Mirage	99.50	2.8
Optima	164.50	0.6
Regent1	300	-2.0
Yesum	83.00	-2.8
Oil Exploration		
DIKOEx1	2516	5.0
Naphtha	28.90	

Two-sided trading

Name	Afternoon Price	Afternoon % Change	Afternoon Volume Shares	Morning Price	Morning % Change	Morning Volume Shares
buildpr	376			376		3099
nacional	732		1800	732		9111
Abjac	10.1	-10.0	440000	10.1	-9.8	194835
Ackerin	220	7.5	35000	218	6.3	62178
Afris 0.	257308	1.2	55	256037	0.8	52
Afrisr	241823	0.5		241823	0.5	37
Agan	3396		3000	3396		7500
Agis	1710	1.2	13000	1693	0.2	10300
Avner	4.3	1.0	300000	4.3		984050
Azorim	3380	0.2	2800	3380	0.2	4450
ALPM	14399	1.5	2300	14186		1001
Bezek	482	0.2	81000	482	0.2	89970
Boulo	160.0	0.5	9000	159.0		33327
Cables	1573	0.7	3000	1581		3933
Clal Ele	26568	-0.2	975	26635		825
Clal Tra	550			550		5598
Clal 10	6712	0.2	3400	6712	0.3	764
Clalins	940	0.2		940	0.2	7000
Cldstr 5	1840	0.5	8800	1831		5768
Clnds	1626	0.5	18900	1618		18482
CohenDev	472	1.7	21000	465	0.2	52027
CoOp	1394	1.5	19200	1371	0.5	9010
Danbar 5	1589	-3.0		1589	-3.0	1478
Dead Sea	787		34000	787		27864
Delek	8300	1.5	3600	8259	1.0	7456
Discinv	18027	0.7	3840	17893		3126
Elbit	17938	1.2	4240	17894	1.0	3144
Elco	8610	1.2	720	8589	1.0	418
Elite 5	1207	2.5	84000	1205	2.3	46538
Elron	8593		1080	8593		1488
Evergr n	2312	0.5		2312	0.5	5257
Export	1141			1141		5800
FeuchtW5	5809	0.5	1200	5780		1490
Fibi	39615	1.7	245	39713	2.0	282
Formula	1040		1600	1040		5905
Frstint1	33468	2.0	1260	32812		158
Frstint5	31850			31850		375
Frutarom	962	-0.2	4500	962	-0.2	15130
Gahelet	5398	1.0		5398	1.0	100
Granit	458	1.0		456	1.1	2
Hapoalim	403	0.2	94500	402		133644
Hapolm	7655		200	7655		3598
IndBldg	345			345		100009
IndDevBK	21948		65	21948		254
Isramco	2.4	0.5	9350000	2.4		9131836
IsrCorp1	24812	1.5	1050	24628	0.7	1257
IsrCorp5	23282	0.5	70	23166		232
IsChem	222	0.2	216000	222	0.5	62444
IDB	886	0.5	78000	882		43051
IDBDev	4839	1.0	5100	4839	1.0	14852
ILDC	936	1.0	54000	927		20786
JEC	807		4000	807		4180
JOEL	87.5	-3.7	575000	91.0		693228
Kardan5	281		5500	281		18447
Kitan	934	0.7	1500	934	0.8	53335
Koor	21580		8610	21580		2243
Leumi	299	0.7	211500	297		68417
Lifshiz1	270		8000	270		3801
Makhtesh	1343		5000	1343		36585
MalibuS	573	1.0		573	1.1	2131
Maman	675	1.5	54000	665		23838
Maritl	1795	1.0	1800	1795	1.0	2660
Mashov	242	-2.5	33000	243	-2.0	56544
Mehadrin	12948		240	12948		441
MeirEzra	2001	3.2	1400	1998	3.0	2759
Mishkan	28479			28479		247
Mivtah	1149	0.2		1149	0.3	2689
Multilock	849	-1.0		849	-1.0	1500
NatolIDS	9.0	-1.0		9.0	-1.1	454110
Ocif	7580	2.5	3300	7395		2229
Ormat	546	0.5	5000	546	0.6	47122
Osem	1906	1.5	16000	1878		5200
PazoilEx	57.0	2.5	60000	57.5	3.6	71725
Packer	9065	0.2	450	9042		1423
Periclas	1928	0.2	900	1923		3615
Petrchem	1409	1.5	14400	1402	1.0	4325
Piryon	9395	-1.0	150	9371	-1.3	1246
PolgatB	329			329		39279
Poseidon	61.0	1.0	25000	61.5	1.7	15892
Rogosin	1357			1357		8278
Secom	313			313		111715
SelaPump	90.0	1.0	135000	90.0	1.1	111086
SupersiB	5000	1.5	7200	4926		2277
TefahotB	159897	0.2	63	159498		55
Tempo1	1282	-0.7	1200	1289	-0.2	2400
Teva	87188	0.7	660	86539		496
Tibnveal	372	1.0		372	1.1	5781
TAT5	273	-2.5	5500	271	-3.2	20758
Urdan 0.	395			395		11798
Ytong	659	1.5	5000	652	0.5	71

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INTERNATIONAL STOCK PRICES

Name	Price	chg
NEW YORK		
AMP Inc	37.125	+0.625
AMR Corp	66.5	+1.625
ASA	46.375	-0.375
Abbott Labs	37	+0.625
Acme Cleveland	16.5	+0
Advanced Micro	34.625	+0.5
Aetna Life	58.625	+0.5
Affiliated Publ	9.125	0
Aflac	40.75	+0.25
Ahmanson (HF)	19	+0.75
Air Prods	51.375	+0.5
Alberto-Culv B	30.25	+0.5
Albertson's	31.75	+0.5
Alcan Aluminum	27	+0.625
Alco Standard	72.375	+0
Alex & Alex	23.5	+0
Allegheny Power	23	+0.25
Allied Signal	38.5	+0.25
Alcoa	41.5	+0.25
Amax	26.5	+0.375
Amdahl Corp	11.875	+0.125
Amerada Hess	50.25	+0.5
Amer Brands	38.875	+0
Amer Cyanamid	-	-
Amer El Power	32.5	+0.5
Amer Express	35.125	+0.5
Amer Genl Corp	31.875	-0.375
Amer Greeting	28.9375	-0.5625
Amer Home Pr	73.875	+1.375
Amer Intl	104.5	+0.375
Amer Natl Ins	55.5	+0
Amer Stores	25.375	+0.25
Amer T & T	52	+0.25
Ameritech	42.5	+0.75
Ametek Inc	18	+0
Amoco	62.875	+0.125
Analog Devices	28.375	-0.125
Anheuser-Busch	57.5	-0.75
Aon Corp	36.625	+0.125
Apple Computer	33.875	-1.625
Archer Daniels	18.5	+0.125
Arida	-	-
Armco	7	+0.125
Armstrong World	45.25	-0.25
Asarco	28.375	+0.5
Ashland Oil	35.125	+0.125
AST Research	15.875	+0.125
Atlantic Richfld	114.875	-0.5
Auto Data Pro	63	+0
Autodesk	41.0625	-0.1875
Avery Dennison	39.625	-0.125
Avnet Inc	40.625	+0.625
Avon Products	60.25	+0.5
Bairnco Corp	4.5	+0.25
Baker Hughes	20.125	+0.25
Ball Corp	35.125	+0.625
Bally	8.25	-0.125
Baltimore Gas	24	+0.625
Banc One Corp	29.875	+0.875
Bandag	57.375	+0.25
BankAmerica	49.125	+0.375
Bank of Boston	28.625	+0.25
Bank of New Yk	33.25	+0.375
Bankers Trst NY	53.25	+0.5
Barnett Banks	46.125	+0.125
Battle Mount Gd	11.875	-0.125
Bausch & Lomb	35.5	+0.25
Baxter Intl	33	+0
Becton Dickinson	55.25	+0.375
Bell Atlantic	53.625	+0.5
Bell Industries	20.875	-0.375
BellSouth	60.5	+0.875
HA Belo Corp	57	+0.125
Beneficial Corp	39.875	+0.25
Bethlehem Steel	15.5	-0.375
Beverly Entprs	14.375	+0
Black & Decker	25.25	-0.375
Boeing	53.375	+0.5
Boise Cascade	35.625	+1
Bowater Inc	36.375	+0.75
Briggs & Strtn	37.5	-0.125
Brist Myrs Sqb	62.5	+0.25
Brit Airwy ADR	64.5	-1.125
BP ADR	84	+0.375
Brit Steel ADR	28	-0.375
Brit Telecom	62.75	+0
Broadway Stores	8.375	-0.125
Brooklyn Union	24	+0.25
Brown Group	29.5	+0
Brown & Sharpe	7.25	+0
Browning Ferris	34.125	+0.5
Brunswick	20.375	-0.25
Burlington Nthn	59.625	-0.125
CBI Inds	-	-
CBS Inc	64.25	+0.375
CMS Energy Corp	24.125	+0.75
CPC Intern	55.375	+0.875
CSX Corporation	78.75	+0.25
Cabot Corp	37	+0.125
Campbell Soup	47.875	+0
Capital Cts ABC	87	-0.375
Carolina Pwr Lt	27.125	+0.125
Carpenter Tech	57.625	-0.25
Caterpillar	55.75	-0.25
Centerior Energy	9.125	+0.375
Centex Corp	24	+0.375
Central & SW	24.625	+0.125
Ceridian	33.125	-0.125
Champion Intl	43.5	+0.375
Charg Shoppers	5.5	-0.125
Chase Manhattan	37	+0.875
Chemical Bkg	38.625	+0.5
Chevron Corp	45.75	+0.375
Cheyenne Sftware	14.875	+0
Chiquita Brands	13.125	+0.25
Chrysler	40	-2.125
Chubb Corp	79.75	+0.375
Citicorp	43.25	+0.5
Clark Equipment	82.75	+0.25
Clevld Cliffs	38.375	+0.125
Clorox	60.75	+0.125
Coastal Corp	28.75	-0.125
Coca Cola	58	+0.25
Coca Cola Ent	21.375	+0.375
Colgate Palmolv	67.25	+1
Comcast Corp A	15.125	-0.125
Compaq	32.375	-1
Compute Ass Int	58.5	-1.75
Computer Sci	48	-1.125
Conagra	33.375	-0.125
Cons Edison	27.625	+0.25
Cons Freightways	26.125	+0
Cons Nat Gas	38.625	+0.125
Cons Rail	55.125	-0.5
Conti Corp	19.625	+0
Cooper Inds	38.625	-0.375
Coors (Adolph)	16.25	-0.125
Corning Inc	36.375	+0.375
Crane	30.875	+0.125
Cray Research	18.125	+0
Crown Cork Seal	43.75	+0.5
Cummins Engine	45.625	+0.625
Curtiss-Wright	37.375	+0.25
Cypress Semicon	27.5	-1.125
Cypress Mineral	26.375	+0
DSC Commun	31.75	-0.75
DQE	33.375	+0.875
Dana Corp	25.125	-0.25
Data General	7.25	-0.25
Dayton Hudson	71.875	+0.25
De Beers	26.25	+1.25
Deere	81.125	+0.5
Delm Pwr & L	20.125	+0.25
Delta Air Lnes	63.625	+1.625
Deluxe Corp	29.5	+0.625
Detroit Edison	28	+0.5
Dial Corp Del	23.25	+0.5
Diebold Inc	39.125	+0
Digital Equip	38.375	-0.375
Dillard Dep St	27.875	+0.375
Disney (Walt)	55	+0.375
Dominion Res	36.5	+0.375
Donelley (RR)	34.625	-0.375
Dover Corp	66	+0.5
Dow Chemicals	72	-0.5
Dow Jones	37.625	+0.125
Dresser	21.75	+0.5
Duke Power	39	+0.5
Dun & Bradst	53.875	+1.125
Du Pont	61.375	+0.375
E G & G Corp	15.125	-0.125
E-Systems	63.625	-0.375
Eastern Ents	27.875	+0.25
Eastman Kodak	52.5	+0.25
Eaton Corp	53.75	-1.375
Echlin Inc	36.25	+0.125
Emerson Elec	67.25	+0.625
Engelhard Corp	29.375	+0.125
Enron Corp	33	+0.125
Enserch Corp	15.25	-0.125
Entergy Corp	21.75	+0.625
Ethyl Corp	10.75	+0.5
Exxon	66.875	+0.625
FMC Corp	60.625	-0.375
FPL Group	36.5	+0.25
Fedders Corp	7.25	+0
Federal Expres	67.75	+1.375
Federal Mogul	19	-0.75
Fed Nat Mrge	82.125	+0.875
Federal Ppr Bd	28.125	+0.125
Fieldcrest Can	22.625	-0.25
First Bank Sys	38.875	-0.125
First Chicago	50.625	+0.375
Fst Fid Bcorp	49.875	+0.375
First Interst	78.625	-0.25
Fst Mississipp	26.125	-0.75
Fst Union Rlty	7.75	+0
Fleet Fnl Grp	32.375	+0.125
Fleetwd Enterp	23.5	+0.125
Fleming Cos Ok	23.25	+0.5
Florida Prog	30.375	+0.25
Fluor Corp	49.75	+1
Food Lion Inc	5.75	+0.0625
Ford Motor	26.625	-0.5
Foster Wheeler	33.875	+0
Freeport McMor	17.75	-0.25
GATX Corp	45.875	-0.5
Geico Corp	50.125	-0.25
GTE Corp	33.75	+0.25
Gannett	53.25	-0.125
Gap Inc Del	34.375	-0.25
Gencorp	12.75	-0.125
Gen Am Invest	19.125	+0.25
Gen Dynamics	48	+0
Gen Electric	54.5	-0.125
Gen Mills	60.5	+0.75
Gen Motors	43.125	-1.5
Gen Motors E	38.875	-0.375
Gen Motors H	40.5	+0.375
Gen Public Ut	29.25	-0.125
Gen Reinsurnce	133.125	+1.625
Gen Signal	35.75	-0.125
Genuine Parts	39.625	-0.375
Georgia Pac	81.625	+2
Gerber Prodcts	-	-
Gillette	82.5	+1.125
Glaxo ADR	23.25	+0.25
Golden W Finl	38.625	+0.25
Goodrich (BF)	45.125	+0.25
Goodyear Tire	37	-0.375
Grace (W&R)	53.375	+0.875
Grainger (WW)	63.875	+1
Grt All Pac Tea	22.875	+0.375
Grt Western Finl	19	+0.125
Grow Group	16	+0
Halliburton	36.875	-0.125
Hanna (MA)	24.625	-0.75
Harcourt	39.125	+0.5
Harley Davidson	23.875	-0.75
Harnischfeger	27.875	+0
Harris Corp	48.625	+0.375
Hasbro Corp	43.625	-0.25
Harmax	5.25	+0.125
Hasbro	33.875	+0.125
Hecla Mining	11	-0.25
Heinz (HJ)	39.5	+0.375
Hrsch & Payne	27.25	+0.625
Hercules	46.75	-0.125
Hershey Foods	52	+0.375
Hewlett Packard	121.5	+0.125
Hilton Hotels	75	+0.375
Home Depot	43.5	-0.5
Homestake	18.375	-0.25
Honeywell	37.5	-0.125
Hormel (Geo)	26.75	-1.125
Household Intl	44.375	+0.5
Houston Inds	38.625	+0.75
Humana	26.75	+0.75
IBM	82.625	-0.25
Illinova Corp	23	+0.125
Illinois Tool	47.75	-0.875
INCO	28	+0.625
Ingersoll Rand	34.125	+0.875
Inland Steel	26.125	-0.625
Intel Corp	86.5	-2
Intergraph	11.9375	+0.0625
Interlake	2.375	-0.125
Intl Fmly Ent B	15.25	-0.25
Intl Flav & Fr	52.125	+0.875
Intl Multifoods	20.125	+0.375
Int Coin Enrgy	5.375	-0.125
Intl Paper	75.75	+0.875
Interpublic	37.25	+0.375
ITT Corp	103.75	-0.375
James River Bs	26.5	+0
Jefferson Pilt	59	+0.625
Johnson & J	59.25	-0.25
K Mart	14	+0.125
Kellogg	58.5	+0.125
Kennametal	27.625	+0.5
Kerr-McGee	51.5	+0.375
KeyCorp	28.625	+0.375
Kimberly-Clark	52	+0.25
King World Prod	38.875	+0.25
Knight Ridder	56.75	+0.25
Kroger	25.375	+0.125
LSI Logic	52.25	-2
Legget & Platt	42.5	-0.25
Leucadia Natl	48	+0
Lilly (Eli)	75.125	+1.125
Limited Inc	22.375	-0.125
LIN Broadcastng	121.5	+0
Lincoln Nat	40.125	-0.125
Litton	37.5	+0.125
Liz Claiborne	18.125	+0.375
Loews Corp	103.875	+3.625
Lone Star	20.625	+0.125
Long Island Li	14.875	+0.25
Longs Drug Strs	33.75	+0.25
Loral Corp	42.875	+0
Lotus Dev Corp	36	-2
Louisiana Land	37	+0
Louisiana Pacif	27.75	+0.5
Lowe's Co Inc	35.125	-0.625
Lubrizol	36.25	+0.375
MA Comm Inc	10	+0.125
MCI Commun	20.625	+0.125
Manor Care	30.875	+0.375
Manville Corp	9.375	+0
Mapco Inc	56	-0.5
Marion Merrell	24.75	+0
Marriott	34.375	-0.25
Mrsh & McLn	83	+0.25
Martin Marietta	157.5	+4
Marvel	16.25	-0.25
Masco Corp	26.5	+0.125
Massmutual Corp	30.75	-0.25
Mattel Inc	24.625	-0.125
Maxus Energy	5.375	+0
May Dept St	37.25	-0.375
Maytag Corp	18.75	-0.125
McDermott	27.25	+0
McDonalds	34.875	+0.875
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McGraw Hill	72	+0.25
McKesson Corp	40	-0.25
Mead Corp	53.75	+0.125
Medtronic	89.625	+0.875
Mellon Bk	41	+0.25
Melville Corp	37.375	+0.25
Mentor Graphics	15.375	-0.125
Mercantile Strs	44.375	-0.125
Merck Inc	43.125	-0.375
Meredith Corp	25.75	+0
Merrill Lynch	43	-0.5
Microsoft Corp	69.875	-0.125
Millipore	58	-0.25
Mine Safety App	45.75	0
Minnesota Mine	58	+0.5
Michell Energy	17.625	+0.25
Mobil Corp	90.875	+0.375
Molex Inc	34.25	+0.5
Monarch Macht	9.625	0
Monsanto	79.5	+0.25
Morgan (JP)	62.375	+0.75
Morrison-Knudsn	7.875	+0.875
Morton Intl	27.875	-0.625
Motorola Inc	53.5	-0.375
Multimedia Inc	38.125	-0.125
Murphy Oil	43	-0.125
Nacco Inds	55.875	+1.25
Nalco Chemical	33.5	-0.125
Nashua Corp	19.25	+0
Natl City Corp	27	+0.125
Natl Intergrp	-	-
Natl Medcl Ent	-	-
Natl Semi	17.875	-0.25
Natl Serv Ind	27	+0
NatWest Bank	51.75	+0
Navistar Intl	12.875	-0.25
NBD Bancorp	32.375	+0.375
Network Systems	-	-
Neutrogena Corp	-	-
New England El	31.625	+0.5
News Corp	18.5	-0.375
NY State El Gas	21.875	-0.625
NY Times A	23.75	+0.375
Newmont Mining	42.75	-0.375
Niag Mohawk	14	+0
Nicor Inc	24.75	+0
Nike Inc	74.75	-1.375
NL Industries	12.875	-0.125
Noble Affil	27.25	+0
Nordstrom	41	+0.5
Norfolk Southrn	66.875	+0.5
Northeast Util	21.875	+0.375
Nthn State Pwr	43.75	+0.625
Northrop	49.375	-0.5
Norwest Corp	25.75	+0.25
Nynex Corp	40.75	+0.75
Occidental Pet	22.875	+1
Ogden Corp	-	-
Ohio Casualty	33.5	+0
Ohio Edison	20.25	+0.25
Olin Corp	52.5	-0.75
Omnicom Group	54.875	+0.75
Oneok Inc	19.25	+0.25
Oracle Systems	31.625	-0.5
Oryx Energy Co	13	+0
Oshkosh B'gosh	14.75	+0.5
Outboard Marine	21.25	-0.25
Overseas Ship	19.875	-0.125
Owens Corning	38.125	+0.125
PHH Group	38	+0.375
PNC Financial	24.625	+0.125
PPG Industries	38.375	+0.25
PSI Hldgs	-	-
Paccar Inc	43.875	+0.125
Pacificorp	19.5	+0.25
Pac Enterprises	24.625	-0.125
Pac Gas & Elect	25.5	+0.5
Pac Telesis	30.875	+0.125
Pall Corp	20.875	+0
Panh Eastern	23.25	+0.125
Parker Drilling	4.625	+0
Parker Hannifin	44.125	+0.375
Penney(JC)	44.875	+0.125
Pennsyl Pwr Lt	18.5	+0.125
Pennzoil	48.5	+1.125
People's Energy	25.375	+0.5
Pepsico	38.75	+0.125
Perkin Elmer	29.125	-0.25
Petrie Stores	8.125	-0.125
Pfizer	88.75	-0.25
Phelps Dodge	58.25	+0
Philadel Elec	25.375	-0.25
Philip Morris	67	+0.625
Phillips Pet	36.25	-0.375
Pioneer Hi Bred	34.75	-0.5
Pitney Bowes	36.75	+0.125
Policy Mgt Sys	44	+0
Potash Corp	43.875	+0.25
Potomac El Pwr	19.25	+0.25
Procter & Gamble	67.25	+1.25
Pub Svc Enterpr	27.875	+0.625
Pug Snd Pwr	21.125	+0.25
Quaker Oats	34.375	+1.125
Quanex Corp	22.625	+0
RJR Nabisco	6	+0.125
Ralston Purina	48	+0.125
Rank Orgnsn ADR	13.375	+0.125
Raychem Corp	39.875	-0.75
Raytheon	70.375	-1
Reebok Intl	35.125	-0.625
Reynolds Reyn A	27.5	-0.5
Reynolds Metals	48.625	-0.375
Rite Aid Corp	24.875	+0.375
Roadway Services	47	-0.5
Rockwell Intl	39.875	+0.625
Rohm & Haas	59.125	-0.75
Rorr Industries	10.875	+0
Rouse	19.625	+0.25
Rowan	6.875	+0.125
Royal Dutch	120.5	+0.5
Rubbermaid	32.375	-0.125
Ruddick	20	+0.125
Russell Corp	29.25	+0.25
Ryder System	23.875	-0.125
Rymer Co	2.125	+0.125
SPS Technology	29.75	+0
Safeco Corp	54.875	+0.0625
Safety-Kleen	17.625	+0.125
St Paul's Cos	50	+0
Salomon Inc	33.875	+0.375
San Diego Gas	20.625	+0.125
Santa Fe S Pacl	23	-0.25
Sara Lee Corp	27.125	+0.125
Scecorp	16	+0.5
Schering Plough	77	+0.75
Schlumberger	58.75	+0
Scientif Atlanta	23.25	-0.25
Scott Paper	90.375	+2.125
Scripps	31.875	+0
Seagate Tech	-	-
Seagram	28.375	-2
Sears Roebuck	52.875	-0.375
Service Corp I	28.25	-0.25
Service Master	24.375	+0.625
Shared Medical	36.25	+0.375
Shell Trans	71.375	+0.5
Sherwin Wllms	34	+0
Shoney's Inc	10.75	+0.375
Sigma Aldrich	40	-0.25
Silicon Graphics	34.5	-0.375
Skyline Corp	18.125	+0.375
Smith Intl	14.125	+0.125
SmKline Bchm A	40.125	+0.75
Snap-On-Tools	38.5	+0.25
Sonat	30.5	+0.375
Sonocco Prods	-	-
Sony Corp ADR	48	+0.375
Southdown	17.25	+0.125
Southern Co	20.75	+0.5
Sthn N. Eng Tel	33.625	+0.25
Southw Airlines	17.875	+0.25
Southwestn Bell	41.875	+0.75
Spring Inds	37.625	-0.125
Sprint Corp	30.875	+0.125
Stand Brnds Pnt	0.40625	-0.03125
Standard Prods	19.5	+0.25
Stanley Works	40.75	+0.75
Storage Technol	18.125	-0.875
Stratus Comp	27.25	-0.625
Sun America	7.25	+0.25
Sun Company	28.375	+0
Sundstrand	50.625	-0.25
Sun Microsystms	35.375	+0.125
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Sysco Corp	27	+0.25
TJX Cos Inc	12.75	-0.125
TRW Inc	69	+0.375
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Tandem Comp	15.125	+0.25
Tandy Corp	49.625	+1
Telecom Corp	20	-0.125
Teledyne	26.25	+0
Temple Inland	45.875	+0.875
Tenneco	47.125	0
Tesoro Pet	10.125	-0.125
Texaco	66.25	-0.625
Texas Instrmnts	89.125	-2.125
Texas Utilities	32.375	+0.5
Textron	56.75	-0.25
Thiokol	28.625	-0.125
Thomas & Betts	65.75	+0.625
Time Warner	36.75	-0.75
Times-Mirror	19.5	-0.25
Timken	36.625	+0.25
Torchmark	41.25	-0.25
Tosco Corp	30.75	-0.25
Total Pet N Am	11.875	-0.125
Toys R Us	28.125	+0
Transamerica	57.625	+0.5
Transco Energy	19.25	+0.25
Tribune	58.25	+0.25
TRINOVA Corp	30.5	+0.375
Triton Energy	38.375	+0.875
TBX Corp	15.75	-0.25
Tyco Labs	52.25	+0.25
Tyler	3.625	+0
UAL Corp	107.5	+3
USG Corp	22.25	-0.5
UST Inc	32.375	+0.375
USX Marathon	17.875	+0.375
USX-US Steel	32.5	-0.75
Unicom Corp	24.5	+0.5
Unilever NV	80.5	-0.625
Union Camp	51.75	+0.125
Union Carbide	30.5	+0
Union Electric	35.5	+0.25
Union Pacific	55.375	-0.25
Unisys Corp	9.25	+0
USAIR Group	6	+0.125
USF&G Corp	14.25	+0.375
US Home	17.25	+0
US Life	37.5	-0.125
US Shoe	26.625	+0
US Surgical	22	+0
US Trust	69	-0.25
US West	40.5	+0.5
United Tech	69.125	-0.375
Unocal Corp	28.875	+0
Upjohn	36.75	+0
VF Corp	50.125	+0.125
Valero Energy	18.75	+0.125
Viacom Inc	45.25	-0.125
Vulcan Materials	57.375	-0.625
Wachovia	35.875	+0.375
Walgreen	47.75	+0.25
Wal-Mart Stores	23.875	-0.125
Warner-Lambert	78.625	-0.875
Wash Gas Light	39	+0.375
Washington Post	257	+1.75
Waste Mgmnt Inc	27.625	+0.125
Watkins-Johnson	39.625	+0.625
Wela Marlons	25.25	+0
Wells Fargo	157.25	+0.25
Wendy's Intl	16.625	+0.125
Western Publ	9.25	-0.125
Westinghouse El	14.875	+0.375
Westvaco	41.875	+0.625
Weyerhaeuser	40	+0.5
Whirlpool	54.75	-0.125
Whitman	18	+0.125
Willamette Ind	55	+0.25
Winn Dixie Strs	58.75	+0.75
Woolworth	19.125	+0.125
Worthington Ind	19.75	-0.125
Wrigley	44.25	+0.125
Xerox	115.75	-0.5
Yellow Freight	16.25	-0.125
Zenith Electron	7.125	-0.25
Zero Co	14.25	-0.125
LONDON		
Allied - Lyons	544	+6.875
BAT Inds	440	-1.5
BP	436.5	+5.09375
BT	393	+2
BTR	338	+3.03125
Barclays	632	+8.59375
Bass	557	+2.5
Boots	515	+10.2813
British Airways	403	-1.5
British Gas	286.5	+9
Cable & Wire	398	+2.8125
General Electric	303	+4.75
Grand Met	401	+6
Glaxo	727	+13
Guiness	462	+7.65625
HSBC (75p shs)	717	+18.2813
Hanson	237.5	+2.03125
ICI	743	+14.875
Land Securities	580	-0.53125
Lloyds Bank	622	+11.0625
Marks & Spencer	425.5	+8.5625
NatWest Bank	541	+2
Prudential	319	+5.8125
Reuters	482	+12.1875
Sainsbury	438	+4
Shell Transport	722	+10
Unilever	1238	+11
Wellcome	1084	+5
PARIS		
Accor	580	+0
Air Liquide	799	+18
Alcatel Alsthom	442	-7
BSN	786	-18
BNP Cert Inv	-	-
Canal	677	-15
Carrefour	2475	+15
Chargeurs	994	+33
Club Med	464.9	+8.9
Cred Lyon (CI)	225.9	-1.1
Elf Aquitaine	378.3	+5.1
Euro Disney	12.9	+0.1
Eurotunnel	73	-3
Hachette	113.5	-1
LVMH	930	-12
Lafarge Coppee	373.9	+8.4
Lyonn Eaux	498.1	+15.6
Michelin B	208.5	+2.4
Moulinex	117.5	-1.4
Paribas	298.8	+5.8
Pernod Ricard	354.2	+2.2
Peugeot	680	-4
Rhone Poulenc Cis	111	+3
Saint Gobain	609	+14
Suez (Fin de)	310	+2
Total B	303	+13.2
FRANKFURT		
Allianz AG	1420	+0
BASF	287.8	+7.3
Bayer	347	+6
Commerzbank	3.2	+0.1
Daimler-Benz	641	+12.1
Deutsche Bank	682.5	+13.5
Dresdner Bk	383.5	+6
Hoechst	295.5	+9
Lufthansa	178.5	+2.8
Mannesmann	366.5	+10
Mercedes Hld	-	-
Metallgesellschaft	118	+4
Porsche	545	+0
Siemens	652	+8.7
Volkswagen	368	+7.5

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STERLING	2.2138/48	—	138.43/55	1.8161/74	7.7546/42
YEN	1.5981/98	0.7216/25	—	1.3114/25	5.5996/63
SFr	121.85/92	0.5502/06	76.20/25	—	4.2696/26
FFr	0.2852/55	0.1288/90	17.82/8N	0.2340/42	—

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Mac Haifa reaches Cup quarter-finals

DEREK FATTAL and ORI LEWIS

THE battle for a place in the last eight in soccer's State Cup provided plenty of joy and heartache for fans yesterday.

A crowd of over 26,000 at Ramat Gan's National Stadium saw league champions Maccabi Haifa triumph 2-1 over current cup-holders Maccabi Tel Aviv in a hot-tempered match.

The draw for the quarter-finals will take place on Friday, with the matches due to be played on April 18th.

Maccabi Tel Aviv 1, Maccabi Haifa 2

Tel Aviv captain Nir Klinger was furious with his teammates after the final whistle, as his side went down for the second time this season to the "Green Wave." Despite having the advantage of home turf, the league-leaders fell to a side handicapped by the 45th-minute dismissal of Marco Babul.

The hero of the match was Haifa's Sergei Kandaurov who grabbed two vital goals to keep his side on course for the double.

The Tel Avivans started sprightly enough, with Avi Nimni having an early opportunity on goal. Haifa's response came quickly and clinically from an attack led by Eyal Berkowitz in the 12th minute. The Haifa midfielder's shot was blocked and fell to Kandaurov who speared the ball into goal.

Tel Aviv's Yuri Shukanov replaced Amit Levy after the resumption. With the loss of Balbul for his second booking of the game, the Haifaites battened down the hatches but were unable to prevent Avi Nimni's equalizer in the 57th minute.

Midway through the second period Gadi Brumer wasted a fine chance to take the lead as the Tel Avivans turned on the pressure. In Haifa's next offensive move Kandaurov provided the killer touch that decided the game in the 77th minute.

Hap Beersheba 1, Hap Kfar Sava 2

Underdogs Kfar Sava provided the surprise of the night coming back from a goal down.

Alon Reef looked to have placed the hosts on the road to victory with a 65th-minute goal, after a pitiful first half. The Kfar Savans had other ideas and launched a splendid fight-back. Ophir Ben-Haim began the revival equalizing from within the box in the 74th minute.

Two minutes later the Kfar Sava supporters were cheering again, as Dudi Stolper completed a lightning breakaway attack by beating Shaul Smadja in the Beersheba goal.

Hapoel Haifa 3, Hapoel Ramat Gan 0

Second Division Ramat Gan matched its National League rivals for most of the match, forcing the game into extra time, through a mixture of spirited defensive work and quick positive attacking movements.

In the 12th minute of extra time a searching Reuven Atar pass found Liron Basis in position to open the side's scoring account. Eight minutes later the same combination provided a second goal. With four minutes left, Eitan Aharoni flighted a cunning pass straight to Hisham Znabi who found the back of the net.

Ironi Ashdod 4, Hapoel Beit She'an 2

Ashdod's new coach Shiye Feigenbaum has a reputation as a mover. The National League's relegation fighters responded to his demands and played like winners. A deadly three-goal barrage in the first half by Alon Mizrahi (12), Ran Hafif (25), and Amir Turjeman (44) rattled Beit She'an.

Although Beit She'an substitute Itai Mordehai and Argentinian import Claudio Cahimi hit back in the 56th and 70th minutes, a second strike by Ran Hafif in the 73rd minute ensured Ashdod's place in the next round.

Bnei Yehuda 3, Ironi Rishon 1

Netzah Massubi set Bnei Yehuda on its way to the quarter-finals when he picked up a ball which rebounded off Rishon 'keeper Stav Elimelech and shot home from close range.

Michael Jaffe made it 2-0 in the 27th minute from a free kick, before Rishon tried to get back into the match with an Ivan Yeremchuk penalty 10 minutes later.

Bnei Yehuda was reduced to 10 men in the 56th minute when Uzi Ohayon was given his marching orders.

Sergei Gerasimetz added Bnei Yehuda's third goal in the 67th minute but soon afterwards he missed from the penalty spot when Elimelech managed to dive and push the ball away for a corner.

Mac. Netanya 2, Mac. Herzliya 1

This match came alight only well into the second half. Netanya had dominated their opponents early on, although to no avail.

Avishai Janno was shown the red card after the restart but it did not appear to affect the one-way traffic going Netanya's way.

Netanya's Ahmed Aref, who was brought on as substitute for Tal Barel headed in with his first touch of the ball in the 55th minute.

Alex Barmecher leveled for Herzliya when he stabbed the ball home from close range in the 85th minute.

With just a minute to go, Jaroslav Aroskewitz struck with a solo effort for Netanya, sealing the result.

Hap. PT 3, Hap. Tel Aviv 0

Once the Tel Aviv floodgates had been opened, there was no stopping the hosts. But it took them over an hour to break the deadlock.

Yossi Levy was first on the scoresheet for Petah Tikva when he hit a right-foot shot to beat Tel Aviv's giant goalkeeper Jaroslaw Baku.

Petah Tikva captain Benny Kozoshvili made it 2-0 from the penalty spot 10 minutes later after Yisrael Cohen was felled in the area. Baku was well beaten by Kozoshvili's shot.

Petah Tikva's mainstay, French import Carmelo Mishish, put the match out of Tel Aviv's reach in the 83rd minute when he shot from the edge of the area.

Mac. PT 0, Bet. Jerusalem 1

The two sides failed to impress in the Ramat Gan curtain raiser.

Tomer Azulai headed in the only goal in the 50th minute from a corner taken by Vladimir Greshnayev.

The Ben-Shimon brothers both had chances to score for Petah Tikva late on, Ran hitting the crossbar and Assi crashing the ball into the post, but Betar held onto its slender lead.

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Hap. Haifa	(0)(0)3	Hap. RG	(0)(0)0
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UCLA wins 11th NCAA crown

SEATTLE (AP) – With its starting point guard on the bench and its greatest coach in the stands, UCLA won its first college basketball championship in 20 years and kept Arkansas from joining the select list of repeaters.

The top-ranked Bruins won their record 11th NCAA title on Monday night with an 89-78 victory that was even more impressive considering senior Tyus Edney was limited to 2½ minutes because of a sprained right wrist.

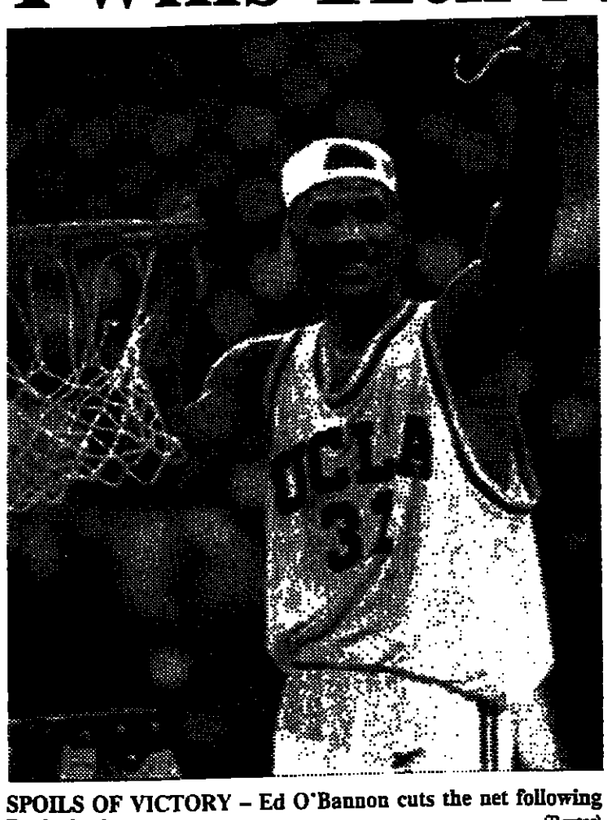
Ed O'Bannon stepped up as he was supposed to, but so did freshman Toby Bailey and Cameron Dollar, Edney's replacement, and it all meant the first title for the school since 1975, when John Wooden, who sat quietly in the stands of the Kingdome, won the last of 10 in a 12-year span.

As UCLA received the championship trophy, O'Bannon, who was named the most outstanding player in the tournament, turned to the Bruins' fans in the stands, pointed at Edney and shouted: "This is the real MVP right here. He got us here."

The UCLA fans then started chanting, "Tyus! Tyus! Tyus!"

For Arkansas, it was the end of a tournament run of close finishes and it ended one game short of becoming the second repeat champion since Wooden's Bruins won seven in a row, ending in 1973.

The Razorbacks had come to rely on its great defense and great player, Corliss Williamson, in the second half, but neither was there against UCLA.



SPOILS OF VICTORY – Ed O'Bannon cuts the net following Bruins' win. (Reuter)

O'Bannon scored 30 points and had 17 rebounds in a game that certified his All-America credentials. Bailey, who had struggled to a 1-for-2 two-point outing in the semifinals, finished with 26 points and nine rebounds. And Dollar, the backup point guard who played in the shadow of the lightning quick Edney, came up with eight assists.

Williamson, who was 9-for-12 in the second half of the semifinal win over North Carolina, finished 3-for-16 from the field against the Bruins, including a 1-for-10 effort in the second half. Instead of the Razorbacks swarming and defending as they had all tournament in the latter stages of the game, it was the Bruins who managed to hold Arkansas without a field goal for a 4:47 stretch that ended with Williamson's first basket of the second half with 2:25 to play.

That made it 77-68 and the Razorbacks were out of the last-minute miracles they had managed in the early rounds.

Arkansas was trying to join Duke in 1991 and 1992 as the only repeat champions since UCLA's streak ended. There have been five other repeaters, Oklahoma State in 1945-46, Kentucky in 1948-49, San Francisco in 1955-56, Cincinnati in 1961-62 and UCLA in 1964-65.

	1st	2nd	Tot
Arkansas	39	39	78
UCLA	40	49	89

Arkansas (32–7)

Thurman 2-9 0-0 5, Williamson 3-16 5-10 12, Martin 1-2 0-0 3, McDaniel 5-10 3-4 16, Beck 4-8 1-22 11, Stewart 5-10 1-2 12, Dillard 2-44 0-0 5, Robinson 2-3 0-0 4, Flimoz 1-1 0-0 2, Wilson 0-4 1-2 7, Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Garrett 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 28-65 12-20 78.

UCLA (31–2)

C.O'Bannon 4-10 3-4 11, E.O'Bannon 10-21 9-11 30, Zidek 5-8 4-7 14, Edney 0-0 0-0 0, Bailey 12-20 1-2 26, Dollar 1-4 4-5 6, Henderson 1-5 0-0 2. Totals 33-68 21-29 89.

3-Point goals – Arkansas 10-28 (McDaniel 3-7, Beck 2-3, Dillard 2-3, Martin 1-2, Stewart 1-5, Thurman 1-7, Robinson 0-1), UCLA 2-7 (Bailey 1-1-2, E.O'Bannon 1-4, Dollar 0-1). Fouled out – McDaniel. Rebounds – Arkansas 31 (Stewart 5), UCLA 50 (E.O'Bannon 17). Assist – Arkansas 22 (Williamson 6), UCLA 21 (Dollar 8). Total fouls – Arkansas 22, UCLA 15. A – 38,540.

NCAA tournament Most Valuable Players

1939 – None selected
1940 – Marvin Huffman, Indiana
1941 – John Kotz, Wisconsin
1942 – Howie Dallmar, Stanford
1943 – Ken Sailors, Wyoming
1944 – Arnold Ferrin, Utah
1945 – Bob Kurland, Oklahoma A&M
1946 – Bob Kurland, Oklahoma A&M
1947 – George Kaftan, Holy Cross
1948 – Alex Groza, Kentucky
1949 – Alex Groza, Kentucky
1950 – Irwin Dambrot, CCNY
1951 – None selected
1952 – Clyde Lovellette, Kansas
1953 – B.H. Born, Kansas
1954 – Tom Gola, La Salle
1955 – Bill Russell, San Francisco
1956 – Hal Lear, Temple
1957 – Wilt Chamberlain, Kansas
1958 – Elgin Baylor, Seattle
1959 – Jerry West, West Virginia
1960 – Jerry Lucas, Ohio State
1961 – Jerry Lucas, Ohio State
1962 – Paul Hogue, Cincinnati
1963 – Art Heyman, Duke
1964 – Walt Hazzard, UCLA
1965 – Bill Bradley, Princeton
1966 – Jerry Chambers, Utah
1967 – Lew Alcindor, UCLA
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1969 – Lew Alcindor, UCLA
1970 – Sidney Wicks, UCLA
1971 – Howard Porter of Villanova was selected MVP but was later ruled ineligible.
1972 – Bill Walton, UCLA
1973 – Bill Walton, UCLA
1974 – David Thompson, North Carolina State
1975 – Richard Washington, UCLA
1976 – Kent Benson, Indiana
1977 – Butch Lee, Marquette
1978 – Jack Givens, Kentucky
1979 – Earvin Johnson, Michigan State
1980 – Darrell Griffith, Louisville
1981 – Isiah Thomas, Indiana
1982 – James Worthy, North Carolina
1983 – Akeem Olajuwon, Houston
1984 – Patrick Ewing, Georgetown
1985 – Ed Pinckney, Villanova
1986 – Pervis Ellison, Louisville
1987 – Keith Smart, Indiana
1988 – Danny Manning, Kansas
1989 – Glen Rice, Michigan
1990 – Anderson Hunt, UNLV
1991 – Christian Laettner, Duke
1992 – Bobby Hurley, Duke
1993 – Donald Williams, North Carolina
1994 – Corliss Williamson, Arkansas
1995 – Ed O'Bannon, UCLA

Baseball owners denied stay of injunction

Fans threaten boycotts, demos

NEW YORK (AP) – The 2nd US Circuit Court of Appeals yesterday denied the request by baseball owners to stay the injunction issued against them last week, clearing the way for the season to start April 26.

The three-judge panel battered management lawyer Frank Casey during a one-hour hearing, accusing him of faulty legal strategy and trying to confuse the court with doubletalk.

The appeals court let stand the injunction issued Friday by US District Judge Sonia Sotomayor until the 2nd Circuit hears an appeal during the first half of May. There is little likelihood the injunction will be overturned.

Meanwhile, across the nation, fans are bristling at the way they've been treated during the strike. And some are fighting back.

Some are planning to boycott games or stage demonstrations once the major leaguers return, others plan to boycott commercial sponsors of major league baseball or television stations that broadcast replacement games.

"Fans are organizing. We shouldn't be taken for granted," said Ed Bunker, founder of Fan Out America, a Baltimore-based group of about 250 baseball fans.

Fan Out America is urging fans nationwide to boycott baseball for at least a week once the major-leaguers return.

In Palmdale, a suburb of Los Angeles, a group called Fowl Tip is organizing a demonstration for the first game major leaguers return. The group wants fans to party in the parking lot instead of going inside to watch the game.

"Our ultimate goal is to have enough people to surround Dodger Stadium outside and do the wave," said Roberta Rothwell, the group's organizer.

Then, for the ultimate insult, she wants the fans to leave the parking lots during the seventh-inning stretch, just as the players walked out in the middle of last season.

A group of fans in Omaha has a different strategy to get attention: hit baseball sponsors in the pocket book.

The group, called The Fans Respond, is organizing a boycott of the sponsors of major league baseball, such as Anheuser-Busch, Nike and Rawlings.

Paris fancies chances against Milan

Bayern underdog in European Cup battle against Ajax

PARIS (Reuter) – After knocking out last year's losing finalists Barcelona, ambitious Paris St Germain aims to topple holders AC Milan to reach its first European Cup final.

The French champions, semifinalists in the UEFA Cup and Cup Winners' Cup in the last two seasons, aim to go one step further and become the fourth French club to reach the final of Europe's leading club competition after Reims, St Etienne and Marseille.

"The European Cup is our only goal," Milan striker Dejan Savicevic said after Saturday's 2-0 defeat by leaders Juventus killed off its Italian title ambitions.

"We're the clear favorites because we are far more experienced."

In the other semifinal, injuries to key players and indifferent league form have left Bayern Munich facing a mammoth task against Ajax of Amsterdam.

Captain Lothar Matthaeus and French striker Jean-Pierre Papin are long-term casualties but Bulgarian international Emil Kostadinov has just been sidelined for six weeks with knee ligament damage.

The result is that Bayern, currently sixth in the Bundesliga, is a team which works hard but has little international class. It goes into the game as a firm underdog.

By contrast, the strong Ajax team is a blend of youth, enthusiasm and experience, unbeaten in 27 league games and currently five points clear at the top of the Dutch table.

Both clubs have a glorious past in European play. They dominated the European Cup for six straight seasons winning it between them from 1971 to 1976.

Price pursues 3rd straight golf major

AUGUSTA, Georgia (Reuter) – Nick Price pursues a prize that would put him in the rarest of company when he joins a select field of 87 players for the Masters Tournament starting tomorrow.

Price, last year's player of the year after posting seven tournament wins, can join Ben Hogan as the only professional to capture three successive major championships with a victory at the Augusta National Golf Club. Hogan won the Masters and the US and British Opens in 1953.

The 39-year-old Zimbabwean, however, faces an array of worthy challengers among the rest of golf's successful international stars.

Price won the last two majors – the British Open and PGA Championship – and surely knows how to score here. His brilliant 63 at the 1986 Masters remains the tourney record.

Defending champion Jose Maria Olazabal of Spain, whose victory last year was the sixth by a European player in the last seven Masters, is hobbled by recent surgery on his right foot.

Stepping lively this year among foreign players are two-time winner Nick Faldo of Britain, Australians Greg Norman and Steve Elkington, Vijay Singh of Fiji, US Open champion Ernie Els of South Africa, Spaniard Seve Ballesteros, Briton Colin Montgomerie and Americans Fred Couples and Paul Azinger.

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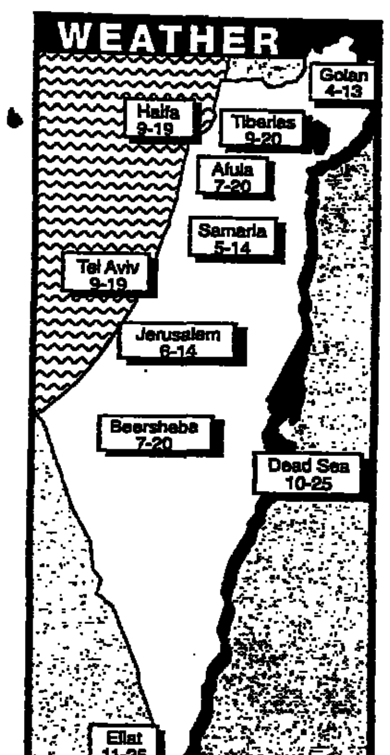
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CRITIC'S CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

MENDI Rodan leads the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra in Bizet's Symphony in C major and De Falla's complete *El Amor Brujo* ("Love the Magician") with sensational mezzo-soprano Hadar Halevi singing the solo parts. Violinist Ariel Shamai and violist Uri Kam are the soloists in Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante. Tonight and tomorrow at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall in Jerusalem (8:00).

You can still enjoy the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra concert version performances of Verdi's passionate *Il Trovatore* under the baton of Pinchas Steinberg tonight through Saturday at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv, Sunday at the Jerusalem International Convention Center and next Monday and Thursday at the Haifa Auditorium. All at 8:30 p.m. except Friday at 2.



'Breakfast' by Irit Klausner is among today's offerings at the Shades of Dance festival, in Jerusalem. (Gadi Dagon)

OPERA

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

ASSAF Levin revives Richard Jones's original production of *The Love for Three Oranges*, Prokofiev's captivating fairy tale, for the New Israeli Opera. This mirthful gem, which is more akin to musical theater than pure opera, is a story of a melancholy prince who eventually finds his true love hidden within an orange, and a beautiful princess who once out of the orange is transformed into a rat before she can actually sit on the throne beside her beloved. Martin Andre is on the podium. From this Friday until April 22 at the new opera house of the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center.

DANCE

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

TODAY at the Gerard Bechar Center in Jerusalem the Shades of Dance Festival features two different programs. At 7 you can enjoy *Tembel* by Orit Ventura, *Sirens* by Sharon Kashi, *Hatzafa* by Anat Gil Refaeli and *Breakfast* by Irit Klausner. At 9:30 there is a program of young new choreographers featuring new works by Shelly Gonen, Erika Zimvroskaya, Limor Korkin and Robi Edelman.

TELEVISION

PENNY STARR

CHANNEL 3's new prime-time line-up is dedicated to Aaron Spelling this evening. At 9:20 p.m. the new season of *Melrose Place* begins, and that's followed by more blondes in *Models, Inc.* at 10:10.

But probably the best viewing of the evening is on Channel 1, where you can begin the evening with Middle Eastern and Mediterranean music in *Taverna* at 9:35. The second part of the three-part psychological thriller *Master of the Moor* airs at 10:10, and at 11 there's more snooty British humor in *Keeping Up Appearances*.

CINEMA

JERUSALEM
CINEMATHEQUE The Player dir. Robert Altman, 5, 9:30 ★ The Third Bank of the River 7:30 ★ Woyzeck 9:30 G.G. GIL Jerusalem Mall (Malha) ☎ 788448 Star Trek - Generations 4:30, 7, 9:45 ★ Leon 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Drop Zone 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Forrest Gump 4:15, 7, 9:45 ★ Shawshank Redemption 7, 9:45 ★ Nell 4:30, 7, 9:30 ★ Little Giants 5, 7:15T ★ Nobody's Fool 5, 7:30, 9:45 JERUSALEM THEATER The Silences of the Palace 7, 9:30 ★ Immortal Beloved 7, 9:30 ORION ☎ 252914 The River Wild•Natural Born Killers•The Browning Version•Love Affair•Terminal Verlocity 5, 7:30, 9:30 RAV CHEN 1-7 ☎ 792799 Credit Card Reservations ☎ 794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot Pulp Fiction 4, 7, 9:45 ★ Legends of the Fall 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Pret a Porter 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ The Quiz Show weekdays 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Four Weddings and a Funeral 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Dumb and Dumber 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Little Women 5, 7:15, 9:45 RON 1-2 ☎ 234704 1 Rabbi Akiva St. Sh'chur 5, 7:30, 9:45 SEMADAR Far Away, So Close 7, 9:30

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TELEVISION

■ CHANNEL 1

6:30 News **6:45** Cartoons **7:00** Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 The Jews of North Africa in Colonial Times **8:30** Arithmetic **8:50** Pioneer Israeli History **9:10** English: Candy Can Do It **9:25** Arabic fairy tale **10:00** Morning Talk with Batya Barak **10:30** Children's current affairs (rpt) **11:00** Judaism: Keshet v'anan **11:20** Literature **12:00** Life Sciences **12:15** English: Radio Fever **12:45** Science and Technology **13:30** Molière's theater **14:00** Cartoon **14:15** The Moomins **14:45** Keep Fit **15:00** Zombit

■ CHANNEL 1

15:30 Denny's Room **15:35** Tinytoon **16:00** Zap to One **17:00** A New Evening **17:35** What D'you Say **18:00** Garfield

ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:15 News in English **18:30** The Four Seasons – ecology magazine **19:00** News in Arabic

HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:30 The Simpsons **20:00** Mabat **21:00** Conference Call – with Nissim Mishal **21:35** Taverna – Middle Eastern and Mediterranean music **22:10** Master of the Moor – three-part psychological thriller starring Colin Firth, Robert Urquhart, George Costigan (part 2) **23:00** Keeping Up Appearances **23:30** News

■ CHANNEL 2

14:00 Open cards – teenagers discuss current affairs **15:00** Miffy **15:05** Widget **15:30** Conan **16:00** The Bold and the Beautiful **17:00** Reshef at Five **17:30** Action – cinema program **18:00** Pop here and there – local and foreign video clips **18:30** Paradise Beach **19:00** Who's the Boss **19:30** Selection of games in the European cup **20:00** News **20:30** It's a Deal – game show **21:00** Dan Shilon live **22:30** European Cup Winner's Cup: semi-finals (live) – Paris Saint Germain vs. Milan (second half) **23:15** Excerpts from the first half (times for the rest of the evening depend on when the soccer match ends) **23:20** The Feud (1989) – A neighbors' disagreement snowballs into a full-scale feud that engulfs the whole town. Satire of 1950s American small-town life. Starring Rene Auberjonois and Ron McLarty, directed by Bill D'Elia (96 mins) **00:00** News **00:05** The Feud – continued **01:30** Spies

■ JORDAN TV

20:30 The Bold and the Beautiful **21:30** The Marvelous Machine **22:00** Berlin Break – detective series **23:00** News in English **23:20** Prism – local magazine **23:40** Snowy River **00:20** Strathblair – drama **01:10** Keeping Up Appearances

■ MIDDLE EAST TV

15:00 The 700 Club **15:55** Film: Attack Force 'Nam – Rescue attempt of US captives by special squad **17:30** Mighty Mouse **17:55** Jonny Quest **18:20** Dangermouse **18:45** Superbook II **19:10** Hart To Hart **20:10** Magnum P.I . **21:00** World News Tonight (Arabic) **21:30** CNN Headline News **22:00** Wings **22:30** Matlock **23:20** Murder She Wrote **00:10** The 700 Club **01:00** Film: Attack Force 'Nam

CABLE

■ FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Roxanne **9:00** One Life to Live **9:45** The Young and the Restless **10:30** Guests in the Living Room **11:00** All in the Family **11:25** Celeste **12:10** Neighbors **12:30** Perry Mason **13:20** Hanging with Mr. Cooper **13:45** Israeli Clips **14:00** Cagney and Lacey **14:50** Roxanne **15:40** Knots Landing **16:30** Neighbors **16:55** Love Boat **17:45** Israeli Clips **18:00** One Life to Live **18:45** The Young and the Restless **19:30** Local broadcast **20:00** Celeste **20:50** Family Fortunes **21:20** Melrose Place **22:10** Models Inc. **23:20** Valley of the Dolls **23:50** Perry Mason **00:45** Hunter **1:35** Lou Grant

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

10:30 Silver Bears (1978) (rpt) **12:25** La Commare Secca (1962) (rpt) **13:55** Daddy Nostalgia (1989) (rpt) **15:40** Nuns on the Run (1990) (rpt) **17:10** What's New at the Movies **17:20** BMX (1983) – Nicole Kidman stars in this action movie about a BMX bikes **18:55** Perry Mason: Sinister Spirit (1987) (rpt) **20:25** Behind the scenes special **21:00** Memphis (1992) – TV movie about three drifters who arrive in Memphis in the 1950s, kidnap the son of a rich black family, and hold him for ransom. Starrng Cybill Shepherd, John Laughlin and J.E. Freeman. Directed by Yves Simoneau (88 mins) **22:35** The Forgotten (1990) – Keith Carradine stars in this psychological thriller about six POWs left in a Vietnam prison for 17 years **00:10** No Retreat No Surrender (1985) (rpt) **1:50** Privates on Parade (1983) – comedy with John Cleese (rpt)

■ CHILDREN (6)

8:30 Cartoons **9:00** Cartoons **9:35** Mighty Max **10:00** Casper **10:35** Shira **11:05** Saved by the Bell **11:40** Lois and Clark **12:40** Loony Toons **13:00** Cartoons **13:35** Clyde **14:00** Wish Kid **14:35** Super Dave **15:05** Shira **15:35** Davis Rules **16:10** Life Goes On **17:10** Loony Toons **17:30** Eek the Cat **18:05** Mighty Max **18:30** Casper **19:00** Cartoons **19:30** Three's Company **20:00** Married with Children **20:30** Family Matters **21:00** I Love Lucy **21:30** Dear John

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 The Deer Hunter (1978) – five-Oscar winning drama about five friends' experiences of the Vietnam war. Starring Robert De Niro, John Cazale, John Savage, Christopher Walken and Meryl Streep. **1:00** Le Dernier Combat – Luc Besson's first film describes the struggle for life in a wordless world of two survivors of a nuclear holocaust (87 mins)

■ DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University: Social Sciences and Education **12:00** World of the Unborn **13:00** How the West was Won **14:00** Open University **16:00** World of the Unborn **17:00** How the West was Won **18:00** Open University **20:00** Search for Adventure **21:00** Wild South **22:00** Big City Metro **22:30** The Next Step **23:00** Search for Adventure **23:50** Open University

■ SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 Inside Edition **6:30** NBC News **7:00** ITN World News **7:15** US Market Wrap **7:30** Business Insiders **8:00** Today featuring ITN World News and FT Business **10:00** Super Shop **11:00** European Money Wheel **15:00** Business Insiders **15:30** Inside Edition **18:30** FT Business Tonight **19:00** Today **20:00** ITN World News **20:30** Supersport **21:30** Dateline **22:30** Inside Edition **23:00** ITN World News **23:30** The Tonight Show with Jay Leno **00:30** Real Personal, **1:00** FT Business Tonight **1:30** Nightly News

■ STAR PLUS

6:00 Wind in the Willows **6:30** Playabout **7:00** The Sullivans **7:30** Eating Well **8:00** E! TV **8:30** Donahue **9:30** Santa Barbara **10:30** The Bold and the Beautiful **11:00** Oprah Winfrey **12:00** Riviera **12:30** Eating Well **13:00** Aerobics **13:30** The Sullivans **14:00** Small Wonder **14:30** Robotech **15:00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles **15:30** Batman **16:00** Home and Away **16:30** Neighbors **17:00** M*A*S*H **17:30** Doogie Howser M.D. **18:00** Anything But Love **18:30** Moonlighting **19:30** The Bold and the Beautiful **20:00** Santa Barbara **21:00** Star Trek **22:00** The Fall Guy **23:00** E! TV **23:30** Neighbors **00:00** Miniseries: Cellini – A Violent Life (part 1 of 3)

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Musical Matinee **9:05** Brahms: Trio in A minor for clarinet, cello and piano op 114 (Meyer, Schiff, Buchbinder); Mendelssohn: Concerto in D minor for violin, piano and orch (Y. and H. Menuhin/Bath Fest/Menuhin); Mozart: Symphony no 25 (St Martin/Marriner); Rimsky-Korsakov: Scheherazade symphonic suite (London SO/Stokowski); Stravinsky: Symphony of Psalms (Lausanne Radio Choir/Suisse Romande/Ansermet); Glazunov: Stenka Rasin symphonic poem (Philarhmonia/Fistoulari) **12:05** Light Classical – excerpts from works by Beethoven **13:00** Michala Petri and Keith Jarrett play Bach and Handel sonatas for recorder and harpsichord **14:06** Encore **15:00** Keys **16:00** Albrechtsberger: Organ concerto in B flat (Chorzempa/German Bach Soloists); Pergolesi: La serva padrona Intermezzo in 2 acts; Mozart: Serenade in D K204 (Collegium Aureum) **18:00** Boccherini: Stabat Mater for soprano and string quintet (Mellon/415 Ensemble); Mozart: Divertimento in D K334 (L'Archibaldi); Tchaikovsky: 3 Songs for soprano and piano; Martinu: Sonata no 2 for cello and piano (1941) (Isserlis, Evans) **20:05** From Our Concert Halls – live broadcast from Henry Crown Auditorium, Jerusalem. Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra-IBA, cond. Mendi Rodan, soloists Ariel Shamai (violin), Uri Kam (viola). Falla: El Amor Brujo suite; Mozart: Sinfonia Concertante in E flat K364; Bizet: Symphony in C. After the Concert – pianist Boris Berman plays works by Prokofiev **23:00** Golden Generation – Chopin: Preludes op 28, comparison of performances by Cortot, Rubinstein, Busoni, Arrau, Cherkassky, Horowitz and others

■ RADIO 3

Music all day and night

■ REKA

18:00 News in English **18:15** News in French **20:00** News in Russian

■ ARMY RADIO

5:02 Good Morning IDF **6:05** University of the Air – Problem of the Foundations of Mathematics **6:30** Good Morning Israel **7:07** Seven-O-Seven **8:00** Good Morning Israel **9:05** Morning Music **10:05** Right Now **12:50** Today's Entertainment **13:00** Midday News **13:15** It's Uncertain **15:05** Someone to Talk To **16:00** An Hour Before **17:00** Good Evening Israel **18:05** Over the Horizon **18:30** Eavesdropping **20:00** Channel 2 news **20:30** Live basketball broadcast **23:05** This Was the Day **00:10** Night Birds **2:00** We Don't Want to Sleep

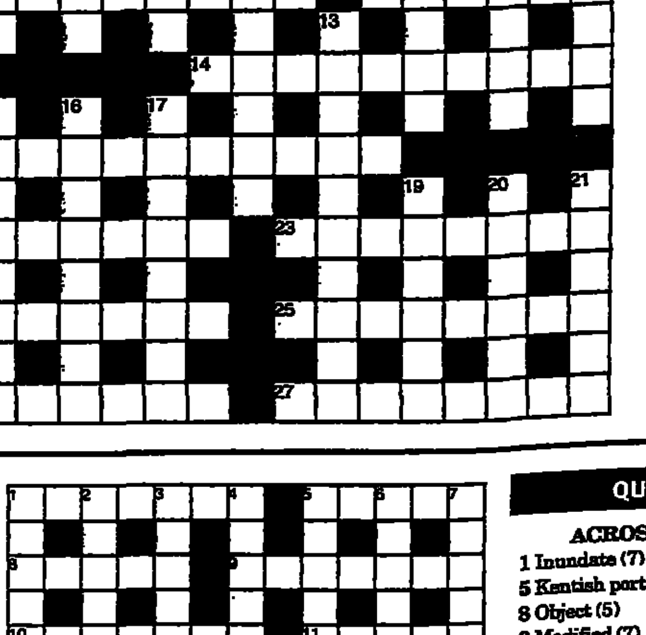
■ ARMY ON WHEELS

7:05 The State on the Way **9:05** Songs **10:05** Sun **12:05** Air Conditioning **13:05** Something for the Road **14:05** Showers **16:05** Driving Wisely **18:05** Program with Lea Oz **20:05** Below the Belt **22:05** Good Night

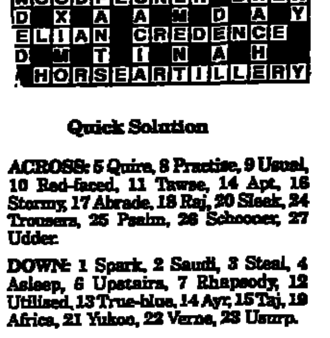
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Report of new Oriental combine (8)
5 Question a social worker indirectly (6)
9 Not in favour of bait being used, so show scorn for it (8)
10 Issue a word of thanks for the music (6)
11 Extremely backward, but raise the greatest number of children (8)
12 Injury can result when gunmen turn round (6)
14 This could be shattering to set in order (10)
18 Bury runner—he's not officially entered (10)
22 The man put in to govern Estonia (6)
23 Playful repartee only adolescents find acceptable? (8)
24 Tip-top jewellery! (6)
25 Putting off housing everyone in smart surroundings (8)
26 Look embarrassed about a certain figure study (6)
27 Well-organised 15—one's obliged to him (8)

DOWN
1 A log—note amount of wood it comprises! (6)
2 There's nothing up with a feature on going straight (6)
3 The written matter about the queen exhibits some warmth (6)
4 Not the government's work-place (10)
6 Point to quiet attendant brought to a standstill (8)
7 A learned person ran over unfinished article—such a bloomer! (8)
8 Seeing a fall in sound instruction (8)
13 The delinquent but macho element (10)
15 Top man getting 27 properly organised (8)
16 The model colours (8)
17 Manoeuvring when up, as greed's involved (8)
19 Robbed if left in debt (6)
20 The vicious individual the German turned on first (6)
21 A book to give the trainee some keenness, right? (6)



SOLUTIONS

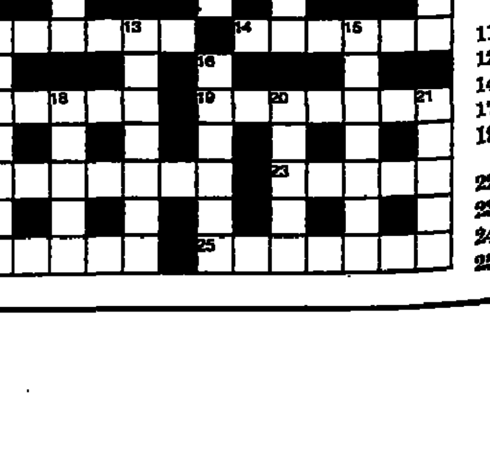


Quick Solution

ACROSS: 5 Quire, 8 Practise, 9 Usual, 10 Red-faced, 11 Tawse, 14 Apt, 16 Stormy, 17 Abrade, 18 Raj, 20 Sleek, 24 Trousers, 25 Psalm, 26 Schooner, 27 Udder.

DOWN: 1 Spark, 2 Saudi, 3 Steal, 4 Asleep, 6 Upstairs, 7 Rhapsody, 12 Utilised, 13 True-blue, 14 Ayr, 15 Taj, 19 Africa, 21 Yukon, 22 Verne, 23 Usurp.

QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS
1 Inundate (7)
5 Kentish port (5)
8 Object (5)
9 Modified (7)
10 Sewing implements (7)
11 Greek letter (5)
12 Come back (6)
14 Abrade (6)
17 Buffalo (5)
19 Blue-collar worker (7)
22 Even (7)
23 Donkeys (5)
24 Discourage (5)
25 Rectitude (7)

DOWN
1 Frequently (5)
2 Notable (7)
3 Majestic (5)
4 Most pleasant (6)
5 Severe (7)
6 Imprecise (5)
7 Shine out (7)
12 Bounce (7)
13 Malice (7)
15 Helps (7)
16 Heat (6)
18 Rapid (5)
20 Public transport (5)
21 Disagreeable (5)

Billion-shekel plan to grow citrus in Negev

BATSHEVA TSUR

ISRAELI farmers will, for the first time, begin growing citrus fruit and olives in the Negev, under a new scheme launched by the JNF and the Agriculture Ministry.

The one-billion shekel plan envisions bringing large quantities of water and topsoil to the arid, saline area over the next three years, to prepare it for agriculture, JNF Chairman Moshe Rivlin said yesterday. Work has already begun on the infrastructure for hothouses and orchards and the first seeds are expected to be planted in November, he said.

Large tracts of land will be turned into "hothouse parks" where farmers will rent the hothouses on an annual basis. The crops in the south tend to ripen early and are expected to be competitive on the European markets. Some 4,000 dunams of agricultural land will be prepared this year but the eventual goal is to reach 100,000 dunams, Rivlin said. A large 5,000-dunam olive forest will be planted in the central Negev near Revivim and Mashabei Sadeh.

Recycled water will be brought from the Dan region, and dams and reservoirs will also be constructed. Three large citrus firms have already expressed interest, Rivlin said, since orchards in the central region of the country have, over the past few years, been turned over to contractors for building sites and highways and the citrus industry has consequently diminished.

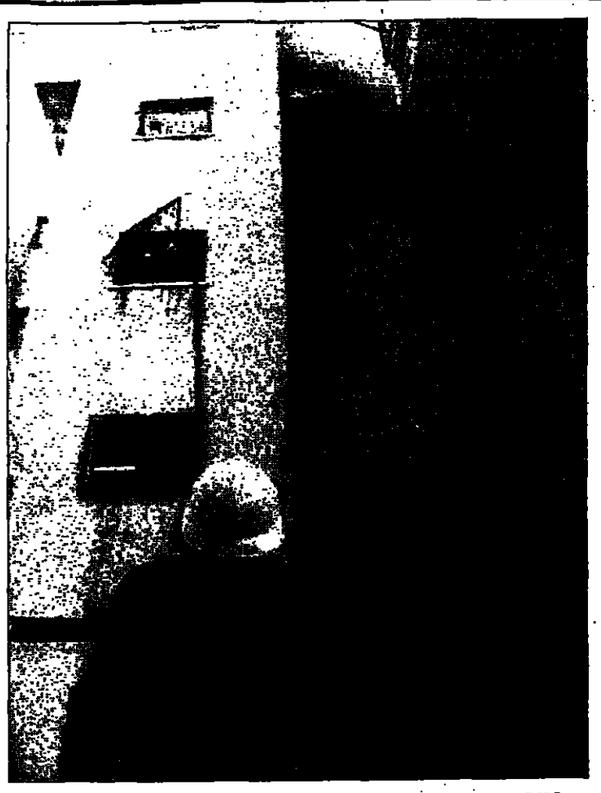
Despite the extensive agricultural programs, there will still be plenty of desert scenery left untouched since the desert area of Israel covers 11 million dunams, he stressed.

The regional councils in the Negev will all participate in the plan. At the same time, Jordan is being consulted about all plans affecting the Arava. A large reservoir is being planned in coordination with the Jordanians at Neot Hakikar, and Jordan is expected to participate in the second three-week seminar on rolling back the desert to be held here in November.

Rivlin expressed satisfaction that Egyptian experts are participating in the steering committee for the seminar which will attract 40 countries.

Another innovative feature of the plan is the construction of hothouses to cover fishponds in the Arava, a project which has already proved most successful in the northern Negev, where such ponds have yields at least 10 times larger than those from the regular fishponds in other parts of the country. The fishing industry will be earmarked for export, Rivlin said.

At the same time, tourism projects around the existing parks in the south as well as new projects under development will be boosted. The Golda Park, for example, which was heavily hit by this winter's floods, is being fixed up in time for the Pessah holidays, he said.



A fireman checks the scene in Bnei Brak where two young children were seriously injured in a blaze yesterday. (Alon Ron/Israel Sun)

Fire chief denies slow response in Bnei Brak blaze

RAINE MARCUS

THE Fire and Rescue Service chief last night denied that firefighters were slow in extinguishing a blaze in Bnei Brak yesterday morning, which left a two-year-old baby boy and his five-year-old sister seriously injured.

Residents of the street where the fire occurred accused firefighters of arriving late and failing to enter the blazing apartment on time.

The children were still in critical condition last night in Petah Tikva's Beilinson Hospital.

A resident of the city said yesterday that although she had shown firefighters the way to Elimelech Street, she noticed they were still looking for the scene of the fire some 25 minutes later.

But Fire Service Chief Efraim Ma'aravi rejected outright her accusations following a preliminary investigation.

"We concluded that firefighters behaved according to regulations," Ma'aravi said yesterday.

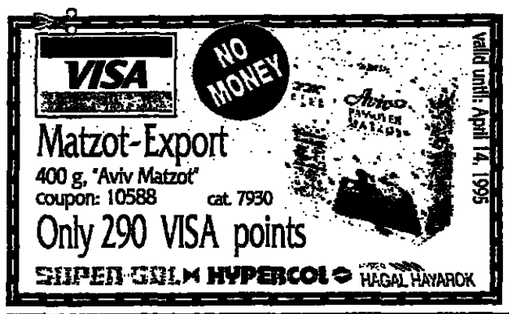
The investigation, he said, revealed that fire and rescue teams arrived on time and worked quickly to put out the blaze – caused by a short circuit of a faulty light fitting – and evacuate the children.

"Firefighters risked their own lives to save the children," said Ma'aravi. Initially neighbors had told them that five children were trapped in a specific room but when firefighters entered there was no one there, he added.

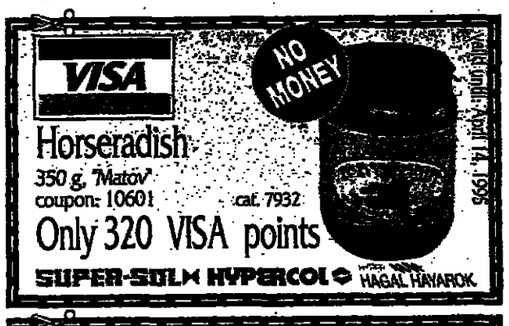
The two children were found unconscious in an adjoining room, and were rushed by Magen David Adom to Beilinson Hospital where they were given artificial respiration.

A firefighter was also treated for mild smoke inhalation injuries.

The fire broke out yesterday morning at the second story apartment of the Bognim family while the parents were not at home. Their 15-year-old daughter was left in charge of three of their 11 children while the mother was out.







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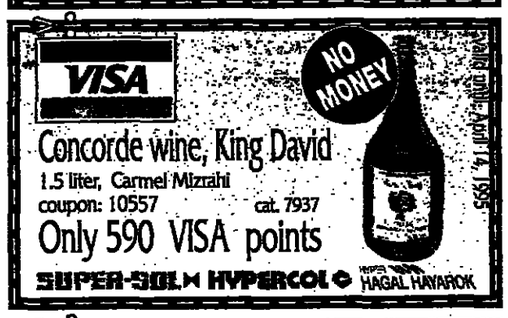
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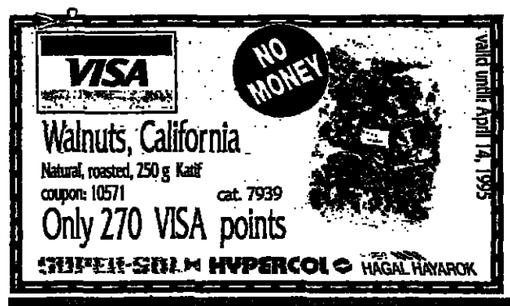


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Ben-Porat seeks removal of 'Mabat Sheni' editor

EVELYN GORDON

THE Israel Broadcasting Authority should consider firing Michael Karpin, editor of its *Mabat Sheni* program, because of his tendentious program against the state comptroller, State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat said yesterday.

The program, which aired three weeks ago, was devoted entirely to interviewing people dissatisfied with Ben-Porat's work.

Ben-Porat, speaking at a meeting of the Knesset State Control Committee, said that even more serious than the program's tendentiousness was the fact that Karpin had lied to his viewers, denying that he had been reprimanded by the IBA as a result of her findings.

After investigating a complaint against Karpin, Ben-Porat found that he had improperly given air time to an organization in exchange for the group flying him to the US.

Committee chairman David Magen (Likud) said it was a violation of journalistic ethics for Karpin to have produced the program at all, given his personal gripe against the comptroller. If the IBA does not draw the proper conclusions, he said, he will ask Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair to intervene.

However, committee members Dan Tichon (Likud), Ra'anan Cohen (Labor) and Arye Gamliel (Shas) said it would be better to stop at asking the IBA to take action, even though the program had clearly been an attempt to destroy the comptroller's reputation and prestige.

IBA director-general Motti Kirschenbaum insisted that the IBA found out about the reprimand Karpin had received only at the last minute – though it had been issued by the IBA.

Court petitioned to allow ex-Kach members in Knesset

EVELYN GORDON

FORMER Kach members should not be forbidden to enter the Knesset, MK Shaul Gutman (Moledet) demanded in a petition to the High Court of Justice yesterday.

Gutman had invited a number of former Kach members to his Knesset office on March 13, but Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss refused to let them in unless they would allow him to examine their criminal records. The group refused.

In the petition, Gutman noted that numerous "security risks" – including other former Kach members and even four convicted Palestinian terrorists – have been allowed to enter the Knesset in the past without such restrictions.

Weiss's claim that they represent a security threat – the only legal excuse for barring them – and his demand to examine their criminal records was therefore not meant to maintain order but as a form of censorship, he charged.

Gutman said he invited the group because they had been administrative detainees – an issue in which he is interested. By preventing them from entering, he said, Weiss was interfering with his work as an MK.

KNESSET BRIEFS

Drunk-driving law passed

Someone convicted of drunk driving would automatically lose his license for two years, according to a law passed by the Knesset yesterday. The law was sponsored by Shaul Amor and Avraham Herschson (Likud).

'Denver Boot' outlawed

Use of the "Denver boot" would be outlawed, except in certain circumstances, according to a law passed by the Knesset yesterday. The exceptions are for offenses such as parking in a spot reserved for the handicapped.

Moral-crime bill passes committee

An MK convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude and given a prison sentence would be thrown out of the Knesset, according to a bill approved by the House Committee yesterday. The bill, by committee chairman Haggai Merom (Labor) and Law Committee chairman Dedi Zucker (Meretz), will now be sent to the plenum for its second and third readings.

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